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STATE REP. RIC WILLIAMSON, (above photo, standing), enumerates reasons for changing his affiliation from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party. Supporting Williamson's decision were, l to r, Fred Meyer, Rick Perry and George W. Bush. In photo at left, George W. Bush, left, welcomes State Rep. Ric Williamson to the Republican Party. Dave Fette Photo

Williamson switches to more comfortable ground

by Janet Felderhoff

An anticipation of changes was in the air Monday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. when a large group gathered at the Cooke County Cooperative building to listen to an announcement by State Rep. Ric Williamson. With Williamson were State Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry; George W. Bush, nominee for Republican gubernatorial candidate in Texas; and Fred Meyer, state Republican party head.

"After a lot of thought, some prayer, and a lot of discussion with my family, friends and supporters I have decided to leave the Democratic Party and seek reelection as a Republican in 1994," announced Representative Williamson. It was not an easy decision since he has many friends who affiliate with the Democratic Party, he said.

Williamson indicated that the decision to switch parties wasn't

because of personalities or election considerations. It was because he could no longer identify with the direction of the Democratic Party in Austin and Washington.

There were four things which Williamson considered important and focused on as reasons for joining the Republican Party. Republicans tend to favor private sector solutions, not government solutions to solve problems. Republicans tend to favor limited government, not expanding government. Republicans tend to favor local control if the activity occurs in the community. "Frankly, Republicans tend to favor simple government as long as it is easy to understand, easy to grasp," remarked Williamson. "Those happen to be the things that I feel more comfortable with. I've always felt more comfortable with the notion that government should always be getting smaller, not getting bigger...city councils, school districts and hospital boards make better decisions about lives than do the legislature or the government."

The future of education in Texas, how it's paid for, how its organized and how its success or failure is measured and rewarded over time was the defining issue in Williamson's decision to leave the Democratic Party.

"An educated society generally acts civilized, an educated society generally is productive, and an educated society generally follows the rules," stated Williamson. "The more of us that are educated the more civilized and productive and progressive we are." He expressed frustration that at the end of the 1992 legislative session we have

reduced appropriations to public education and passed more rules and regulation to make it more expensive and even more impossible to be successful in our schools.

Rick Perry, a long-time friend of Ric Williamson, spoke of their shared conservative philosophy. "Ric has been the strongest proponent of government being responsive to the people of the state of Texas," remarked Perry. "There's not anybody in state government, nobody in the House of Representatives, that understood better what was wrong with government. I'm ecstatic as a member of the Republican Party to have a person of his caliber, his intellectual capability to have a home and a voice now."

Summing up the situation in his press release Williamson noted, "I understand the next few months and years will not be easy for me. There will be some Democrats who will be upset with my decision. There will be some Republicans who will not accept my new affiliation. I cannot please everyone. This decision was made for the right reasons. Win, lose or draw I feel comfortable. I look forward to the 1994 campaign with a renewed sense of purpose, running on a philosophy of private sector solutions, limited government, individual responsibility, local control and understandable state government. Within the philosophy of the Republican Party I can feel comfortable in once again aggressively promoting public policy in the legislation."

Ric Williamson represents the western part of Cooke County.



Bush explains view on education

by Janet Felderhoff

George W. Bush, who hopes to win the Republican nomination and have his name placed on the ballot as the Republican's candidate for governor of Texas, was in Muenster Monday. Bush spoke to a group that filled the Cooke County Electric Cooperative's meeting room.

"The state budget has grown from \$48 billion to \$72 billion in four years," explained Bush. "That is four times faster than the rate of inflation, nine times faster than the population growth of Texas, four and a half times faster than the federal budget has grown. We've got a lot of government. The question then is if education is the number one priority, is there

enough money to fund education. I say there is."

Bush would have the state of Texas define what its goal for education is -- literacy or proficiency. "I say it's literacy, not condom distribution and I say that not in half jest" he said. "We don't want health care clinics attached to our schools. That ought not be mandated by the state of Texas. What the state of Texas ought to be doing is figuring out how to create employable kids and have good citizenship too inside the school."

The cost per kid for funding a basic no-nonsense, no frill education in the classroom should be determined by the governor and the

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Endres Motor Co. opens new facility

Renovations are complete at Endres Motor Co. and owners Urban Endres and Marty Klement are ready to show the changes off to the public. Endres Motor is sponsoring a grand opening this weekend, Dec. 9, 10, and 11. The official ribbon cutting ceremony was Thursday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. Endres Motor Co. has been serving Muenster and Cooke County for 47 years.

Urban J. Endres was appointed as the Ford Dealer in Muenster in October 1946, succeeding Herr Motor Company. He purchased the land, building, parts inventory and shop equipment from Adolph (Shorty) Herr at that time. The property is located at the northeast corner of Highway 82 and Main Street.

The first employees were Marguerite King as bookkeeper, Martin W. Klement as parts manager, Clarence Albers and Jack Tuggle as mechanics. The first Ford pickup received by Endres Motor Company from the Ford assembly plant in Dallas was sold to Eugene

Klement for \$890.00. The second pickup was sold to John Weiler. The first car was sold to Albert Reiter for \$1160.00.

In 1951, construction was started on a new building to better serve the dealership's customers, in the same location as the old original building. During the construction period, through the generosity of our competitor, Mr. Ben Seyler, the Chrysler-Plymouth dealer, Office Manager Marguerite King's office was located in Mr. Seyler's office, and the parts and service departments were located in one of Mr. Seyler's surplus shop buildings. Mr. Clarence Wilson was the construction superintendent and coordinated the construction of the new building very efficiently.

After completion of the building, a grand opening party was held, including a dance in the shop area. The opening was attended by Ford officials, other Ford dealers, competing dealers, customers and friends by the hundreds.

At the time that the new building was formally occupied, Al Horn

was parts manager, Marty Klement full-time in car and truck sales, Marguerite King as office manager, assisted by Doris Lee Reiter. Mechanics were Oscar Miller, Jack Tuggle and Arthur Tuggle. The paint and body shop was operated by Bill Hunt. Willie Walterscheid washed cars, changed tires, etc. and kept the place respectably clean.

In 1956, Urban Endres sold a partnership interest in the business to Martin W. Klement and Endres Motor Company has operated as a partnership since that time.

Endres Motor Company has won the "Ford Dealer Distinguished Award" for sales excellence 33 times since 1960, and most recently for the year of 1992. The Service Department, with John Yosten as Service Manager since 1967, has also been the recipient of numerous awards, most recently a national service award. Many sales awards and contests have been won by Mr. Klement in competition with other Ford dealers throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

Mr. Endres served several terms as a member of the Ford Dealers' Advertising Committee for the Dallas Ford District, one term being as vice-president of the committee.

Some of the highlights of the dealership during the past 47 years have been the introduction of the all-new 1949 Ford car, the construction of their new dealership building, the introduction of the 1955 Thunderbird, the 1957 Ford Starliner, the 1965 Mustang, as well as the introductions of the Pinto, Maverick, Torino, Elite, Bronco, Crown Victoria, Econoline Van, Escort, Tempo, Taurus, Festiva, Aerostar Van, Explorer, 1994 Mustang and others.

Endres Motor Company has been in the same location since 1946, and has sold in excess of 18,000 new and used cars and trucks, and is proud that most of their sales have been to repeat customers, their children and grandchildren. The company is the successor Ford dealer to Herr Motor Company, Flusche Brothers Ford Sales, Henry Hennigan and John Lehnertz and, at this writing, is one of the oldest Ford dealerships in Texas, under the same continuous ownership.

The company has always been community-minded in supporting all programs to benefit our city and community, such as being the first in the area to provide driver training

cars to our schools in Muenster, Lindsay and Saint Jo.

New and remodeled facilities are the result of the 1993 purchase of the Ben Seyler building, which was built by Mr. Seyler in 1948 and the connecting of it with our building, which was built in 1951. The Seyler building was completely renovated, including roof, offices, ceiling, showroom and new office and shop equipment, at a cost of more than \$200,000.

All construction work was done by local labor and contractors and materials and supplies furnished by local businesses. The remodeling was done with the help and suggestions of all the employees.

The approximate annual payroll of Endres Motor Co. is \$400,000 and the approximate property taxes paid by Endres Motor and its employees are in excess of \$50,000

yearly. By supporting local businesses Muenster residents are strengthening the city's economy.

Urban and Marty are firm believers in "shopping at home" to support the local economy as they have demonstrated during the renovation of their Ford dealership building.

Visitors during the Grand Opening will be able to register for drawings with the top prize being a trip to Las Vegas. Hourly drawings will be held for oil change. Caps will be given away including one signed by Nolan Ryan.

Urban and Marty thank all their customers for their patronage during the past 47 years. The loyalty, dedication and hard work of the present and past employees of Endres Motor Co. made possible all of the successes and accomplishments of this business.

Good News!

Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything; hold fast what is good, abstain from every kind of evil. May the God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THESSALONIANS 5:19-23

Rabies alert!

Texas Department of Health has notified the city of Muenster that a rabid skunk was found inside the city limits. They stress the importance of pet owners updating their animals' rabies vaccinations.

The skunk was apparently killed by dogs at a home on Eddy Street. Owners of the dogs had the skunk's head sent to the Texas Department of Health in Austin for testing.

Larry Tisdale, D.V.M. reported that the following night another skunk was killed by dogs in a backyard and a week later a man shot a skunk that was tangling with his dog. "Just because dogs are kept in a pen or back yard does not mean that they are safe from rabies," stressed Dr. Tisdale.

Anyone seeing a skunk during the day should report it immediately. Muenster Police officers answer reports of skunks out during the day immediately since they are normally nocturnal creatures and this is often a sign of sick animal.

"There seems to be a lot of skunk activity right now," commented Dr. Tisdale. "Usually spring is when here is a problem with skunks since they semi-hibernate during the winter."

Celine Dittfurth, city secretary

estimates that many pets within the city limits have never received their rabies vaccinations since about 90 percent of the animals brought to the pound have no tag.

Rabies vaccinations should be given annually to all dogs and cats. The earliest that the vaccine can be administered to puppies or kittens is 12 weeks. It is normal procedure to recommend that any animal be put to sleep that has been exposed to the rabies virus, and has not been vaccinated therefore has no immunity to the disease.

If an animal contracts rabies, symptoms usually appear anywhere from 10 days to two or three weeks after exposure. In some cases symptoms do not appear for several weeks after the bite.

Rabies virus are shed through the saliva of the infected animal. The virus enters the body through the blood stream and can be contracted from a bite or from saliva contacting the mucous membranes such as eyes or mouth.

It is a disease that affects the central nervous system. Symptoms can include change of attitude, loss of appetite, nervousness, loss of equilibrium, and sometimes

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Muenster Farm Mutual marks 100 years with dinner

Muenster Farm Mutual invited members from their six districts to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the company's founding. Members came from Muenster, Lindsay, Gainesville, Sanger, Windthorst, and Electra.

A barbecue dinner was served to about 170 people. Door prizes were drawn for and winners were: Harold Lutkenhaus and Ervin Fuhrmann, fire extinguishers and Lynn Hacker and Paul Fisher, smoke detectors. All guests received caps or pens.

"It was a good day," commented Rhonda Hartman, secretary. "We had a very successful celebration and we thank everybody for coming."



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS at Muenster Farm Mutual Insurance, directors and appraisers include, l to r, Virgil Koetter, Charles Neu, Ed Endres, Allen Sicking, Rhonda Hartman, Eddie Fleitman, Lawrence Hassenpflug, Walt Klement, Howard Handley, Maxie Collins, Freddie Neu, Dale Klement, Adolph Veitenheimer. Not pictured are Lawrence Schroeder and Mike Humpert. Janie Hartman Photo

Letters to the Editor

TO THE CITIZENS OF MUENSTER:

HELLO TO EVERYONE! BY NOW, I GUESS YOU HAVE HEARD INFORMATION AND POSSIBLY MIS-INFORMATION ABOUT THE (3) GOVERNMENT GRANTS THE MUENSTER CITY COUNCIL HAS APPLIED FOR THROUGH TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, DENISON, TEXAS.

THE CITY SECRETARY AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CONSULTANT DRAWING UP THE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR TWO MONTHS. THE FIRST STEP WAS THE DOOR TO DOOR SURVEY. THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOWED THAT WE DO QUALITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT GRANTS. I FEEL THAT WE PROBABLY QUALIFIED ALL ALONG, BUT WE JUST DID NOT CHECK BEFORE NOW. THE RESULTS SHOW THAT 33.4% OF THE HOMES IN MUENSTER ARE OCCUPIED BY RETIRED PERSONS. OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION IS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 3.3%, AND THE POVERTY RATE IS 8.1%.

I COUNTED 565 TOTAL DWELLING UNITS, OF WHICH, 27 WERE VACANT. 96 FAMILIES WERE NOT HOME AND WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY. 307 FAMILIES WERE LOWER THAN THE COUNTY AVERAGE OF INCOME, AND 133 FAMILIES WERE HIGHER THAN THE COUNTY AVERAGE OF INCOME. THE PERCENTAGE OF ELDERLY POPULATION (60+) IN MUENSTER IS 22.3% AS COMPARED TO ONLY 13.8% FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS. THE HOUSEHOLD MEDIAN INCOME FOR MUENSTER IS \$26,726 AS COMPARED TO \$27,106 FOR THE STATE. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN MUENSTER IS 112.

THE MEDIAN HOME VALUE IN MUENSTER IS \$55,800 AS COMPARED TO \$59,600 FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS. ALSO, 16.3% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN MUENSTER WERE BUILT IN 1939 OR EARLIER.

SO MUCH FOR STATISTICS! HERE IS A LIST OF THE 3 GRANTS WHICH WE APPLIED FOR AND A DESCRIPTION OF EACH:

1. WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS --- OUR COST \$76,000, WHICH IS A 30% MATCHING FUND GRANT. THE GRANT INCLUDES A 100,000 GALLON GROUND STORAGE TANK, WATER WELL, PUMP BUILDING, PUMPS AND CONTROLS, CHLORINATION FACILITY, METERING, 5000' X 8" WATER SUPPLY MAIN, ENGINEERING & MISCELLANEOUS.
2. FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER --- FIVE FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS WILL RECEIVE A \$5000.00 DEFERRED LOAN TO HELP WITH THE DOWN-PAYMENT OF THE HOME. TO QUALIFY, THE HOME BUYER WILL NEED TO BE IN THE LOWER INCOME BRACKET.
3. OWNER OCCUPIED HOME IMPROVEMENT --- \$148,000.00 WILL BE USED TO REHABILITATE AT LEAST 12 HOMES OF QUALIFYING LOWER INCOME HOMEOWNERS. THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE OFFERED IN THE FORM OF FORGIVABLE LOANS WHICH WILL BE FORGIVEN OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD.

THE BUILDING CODES ARE STATED IN THE GRANT CONTRACT AND ONLY PERTAIN TO THE HOMES RECEIVING THE REPAIRS.

ALL THE TOWNS AND CITIES AROUND US HAVE TAKEN OR ARE NOW APPLYING FOR GRANTS AND THERE IS NO REASON FOR MUENSTER TO BE EXCLUDED.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY FURTHER INTEREST IN THESE GRANTS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS WHAT I KNOW.

SINCERELY,
Fran Voth
FRAN VOTH, ALDERMAN

My very dear friends,

On Thanksgiving Day, I realized that in a month it would be Christmas.

My first Christmas card I always send to my dear sister Ida in Switzerland. I will mail it on the 10th of December.

This is my second Christmas message, started on the 26th day of November, but finished on the 2nd of December.

It will reach many of my dear friends far and near. "Two things upon this changing earth, will neither change nor end: The splendor of Christ's humble birth and the love of friend for friend."

Thus I wish each and every person who will read this message A very Bright Christmas and a wonderful New Year!!! Year after year I think this must be my last message, but year after year, I sit down to write it. Well!!

It is certainly not that I am tired of living that I think the above. I am still living a very happy, busy life. My day starts early and closes around 9:00 p.m. My correspondence never stops and I love it. At this time of the year, it is at a climax - yours, too, I am sure.

On the 26th of November, I had a great surprise when a Swiss couple visited me, namely A. and K. Hengartner-Bühler. She was the niece of our former Sr. M. Berchman Bühler and he is a policeman at the airport of Zürich, handling criminal cases.

They are touring the U.S.A. extensively. When they are back home in Switzerland, they will visit my sister in the nursing home in Bütschwil and my sister-in-law, who lives on the top floor of my parental home in New St. Johann.

There, they will tell all about their visit and show the many, many photos which Mr. Hengartner took of me in my (n) room.

The couple presented me with several gifts - a plaque of the State Police, Zürich; two kinds of postal cards of the airport; Swiss chocolate and a video tape of the airport.

I think that this is more than enough for my Christmas message and I must say goodbye and may the Infant of Bethlehem bless each one of you individually millions of times!

Lots and lots of Love,
Prayers and Thanks,
Your friend forever,
Sr. M. Theresina Grob, O.S.B.
P.O. Drawer 130
Jonesboro, AR 72403-0130

★ Police Log ★

November 1993
Police and Court Report

- 2 - Reports of theft
- 1 - Attempted suicide
- 1 - Recovered stolen property
- 6 - Criminal mischief
- 7 - Public intoxication to Cooke County Jail
- 1 - Shot skunk
- 4 - Unlocked motor vehicle
- 1 - Disturbance 100 blk. E. Second
- 1 - Disturbance 300 blk. N. Main
- 1 - Disturbance 600 blk. N. Walnut
- 1 - Report of shots fired
- 1 - Theft under \$200.00 took 2 to county jail
- 1 - Missing dog
- 1 - Report of liquor store selling to minor
- 1 - Assist at accident Texas Highway Patrol
- 1 - Funeral assist
- 1 - Minor in possession
- 1 - One to Cooke County Jail on warrant
- 2 - Motorist assist
- 1 - Prowler, suspicious person
- 7 - Took 7 to Cooke County Jail for disorderly conduct

- 6 - Fights 300 blk. N. Main
- 1 - Check 911 hang-up
- 1 - Fight 100 blk. E. Second
- 1 - Violation leash law
- 1 - Failed to yield right-of-way
- 1 - No proof of financial responsibility
- 1 - Failed to stop for stop sign
- 1 - Defective muffler
- 1 - Discharge of firearm in city limits
- 1 - Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage

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2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, December 12 MMH Auxiliary goes Christmas Caroling, 6:30 p.m. SH Home-School Shopping Spree/Meal	Monday, December 13 VFW and Auxiliary Covered Dish Christmas Party and regular meeting Muenster JH vs. Ponder, here, 7th 5 p.m., 8th 6 p.m.	Tuesday, December 14 Exercise Class S.N.A.P., 11 a.m. 4-H Meeting, 6 p.m. SH School Muenster vs. Gunter G/B, here, 5 p.m. SH Tigers B/G vs. Southwest Christian, here, 4:30 p.m. C of C Luncheon, Center, noon	Wednesday, December 15 SH Elementary School Christmas Program	Thursday, December 16 Exercise Class 11 a.m. S.N.A.P. Center SH Cubs vs. St. Mary's, there, 6 p.m.	Friday, December 17 Muenster vs. Chico G/B, g/b, there, 4:30 p.m. SH Tigers G/B vs. Saint Jo, here, 4 p.m. SH Cubs vs. St. Mary's, there, 6 p.m.	Saturday, December 18 SH Tigers G/B vs. Forestburg, here, 1 p.m.
Sunday, December 19	Monday, December 20	Tuesday, December 21 Exercise Class 11 a.m. S.N.A.P. Center MHS Lady Homets vs. Bowie, at L.D. Bell, 1 p.m. SH School - End of First Semester	Wednesday, December 22	Thursday, December 23	Friday, December 24	Saturday, December 25

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What really happened on gun legislation

Many citizens watched with dismay as the U.S. Congress lurched back and forth just before Thanksgiving while considering H.R. 1025, which the press incorrectly labeled as the Brady Bill. If the measure had been handled correctly, it could have been reasonable anti-crime and pro-gun legislation.

To my disappointment, it didn't turn out that way. Everyone should know exactly what happened.

The original Brady Bill called for a permanent seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases -- subsequently modified to a five-day waiting period. Along with other opponents of gun control, I opposed this approach and instead advocated NRA-backed legislation to implement a national instant-check system.

There were two unsuccessful attempts before Thanksgiving to cut off Senate debate and approve the original Brady Bill. I voted against the Brady Bill on both of these crucial votes.

Next, a complete substitute bill was offered by Senators Dole and Mitchell. This legislation, which I supported, differed drastically from the original Brady Bill. It provided for accelerated implementation of national instant-check, which I and other gun rights supporters have long sought, followed by elimination of any waiting period. The NRA described the Senate's approval of this substitute bill as a victory -- assuring permanent protection of Second Amendment rights.

Facts about the Mitchell-Dole Senate substitute bill:
First, and most important, the Senate-passed bill guaranteed that instant-check would be in place in no more than four years (for states that qualify early, in as little as two years) -- after which the five-day waiting period would be permanently eliminated. This was the NRA's top priority, and mine as well.

Second, the Senate substitute bill would have phased out the waiting period sooner than four years if 80 percent of states had an instant-check system on-line early. (Some estimates suggested instant check could be in place -- and the waiting period eliminated permanently -- in as little as one year.)

Third, unlike the original Brady Bill, the Senate bill provided \$200 million per year in grants to states to quickly implement instant check according to a strict timetable.

Fourth, the Senate bill added a number of protections for individual rights. It prohibited states, as part of their instant check systems, from establishing a gun registration system or keeping any records of gun purchases. It also required that all background check records be destroyed within 20 days, that denials be in writing, and that individuals would be entitled to sue authorities for wrongful denial.

Fifth, the Senate bill included provisions to deter gun theft, including establishing such theft as a federal crime. It also had an exemption for certain interstate and antique weapons sales.

Had Democrat Members of the House-Senate conference committee agreed to accept all those provisions, we'd have speedy installation of instant check nationwide and the folly of waiting periods would be behind us once and for all. Instead, House and Senate Democrats rejected this opportunity and demonstrated the cynicism of their position on gun control.

What we ended up with was an unacceptable half-loaf, which I opposed. It now appears instant check won't be installed nationwide -- and the waiting period totally abolished -- for five years. The \$200 million assistance for instant check is still included, however, along with some of the anti-crime provisions.

I opposed the conference report because, in my opinion, the potential gains from provisions fighting crime were outweighed by the threats this legislation poses to individual gun-owners' rights.

I will work hard in early 1994 to accelerate the fastest possible implementation of the instant check system and move up permanent end of waiting periods. If we can achieve that result, we will have placed into law significant anti-crime measures while protecting law-abiding citizens from permanent damage to their Second Amendment rights.

David Bridges seeks Republican nomination

David L. Bridges visited in Muenster last Wednesday. He announced that he is a candidate on the Republican ballot for the office of United States Congressman for the fourth Congressional District.

In 1992 Bridges won the Republican nomination by 60 percent of the vote. He made a promise earlier in the year that he would run for office only if he had the support from the people of the District. Fulfilling that promise, last week David accepted nominating petitions from his volunteers.

To date, David has been presented with 1000 plus signatures, which is more than twice the number required to file for office. Bridges is the first to qualify for a Republican ballot position through the grass roots approach of securing petition signatures. "It isn't the easiest way to file," he says, "but it is the best way to talk with people across the district, to learn about their concerns, understand their fears, and discuss their hopes for change."

He has become a familiar sight in neighborhoods and communities around the 4th District, walking door to door, gathering support for his race as representative of the 4th Congressional District.

"It's rewarding to hear the hope for the future shared by the people

of the 4th Congressional District," remarked Bridges. "Most of the people I talk to are upset about the direction our country is heading. We know that the policies and direction of the Washington leadership is hurting our country."

"For 40 years the Democrats have controlled the House of Representatives. With it they have controlled the purse strings of our country. But, I know that all would agree with me, that each day when you rise and read the morning paper of a bloated government overloaded with waste, that there is no control."

David Bridges, 38, resides in Rockwell with his wife, Sandy, and daughter Elizabeth. He is an attorney and has been dedicated to public service for the majority of his legal career. Bridges served three years prosecuting in the Smith County District Attorney's Office. After becoming a seasoned prosecutor, David accepted the position as First Assistant District Attorney for Upshur County, Texas and served there for two years. In 1988, he joined the General Counsel's office of the State Bar of Texas as a senior litigator trying lawyers for ethics violations across the state. In 1991 he served as the first assistant to the general counsel in charge of litigation for the State of Texas.

Tom Haywood closes down health rumor on bid for Texas Senate

Tom Haywood, GOP candidate for State Senate, District 30, released a statement recently to local supporters denouncing rumors that he may withdraw from his campaign to defeat 10-year incumbent legislator Steve Carriker.

"I want everybody in Abilene and across the district to understand clearly - I am in this campaign to stay and I am in this campaign to win," Haywood said.

"I have made no attempt to hide the fact that I have Parkinson's. After consultation with my family, my supporters and two physicians, I made the decision to move forward with this campaign with their collective support. I made that decision months ago and absolutely nothing has changed. Parkinson's is not pleasant, but there is also nothing about it that will in any way prohibit me from campaigning across this district or from performing my duties when I am elected to represent the citizens of District 30 in the Texas Senate," Haywood continued.

Haywood's statement was prompted by a report in the Abilene Reporter News which cited speculation that he would withdraw from the race because of Parkinson's.

Haywood cited two leading

Graham and United States Senator Robert Byrd (D), West Virginia. Recently, Time magazine reported that Graham would continue preaching until age 80 despite his condition.

Americans who also suffer from the same condition: the Reverend Billy

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Services held for Mary Eva Wiesman Dec. 7

Mass of Christian Burial was offered in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1993, at 10 a.m. for Mary Eva (Walterscheid) Wiesman who died in Fort Worth on Sunday, Dec. 5, 1993. Officiating the Mass were Fathers Victor Gillespie, OSB, and Frowin Schoech, OSB.

Readings from the Old and New Testaments and Prayers of the Faithful were given by three granddaughters, Mrs. Gaylyn Fagan, Mrs. Lydia Stoner and Mrs. Renee Eiserman.

Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by Donna Thomas and Eileen Murphy. Eucharistic Ministers were Fathers Frowin and Victor, Marilyn Bierschenk, Mark Klement, John Walterscheid and Theresa (Fisher) Walterscheid. Mass servers were three of Sister Mary John Seyler's seventh graders. The Sacred Heart Men's Choir sang the funeral Mass, accompanied by Anthony Luke, organist.

Interment in the Sacred Heart Cemetery followed, under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

A Rosary Service was held at the McCoy Funeral Home on Monday at 4 p.m., conducted by Father Victor Gillespie, OSB, and the Vigil Service was conducted at 7 p.m. by Frowin Schoech, OSB.

Mary Eva Wiesman was born on April 26, 1902 in Muenster to Muenster pioneers, the late Peter and Christina Walterscheid. On Feb. 7, 1921, she and Frank Joseph Wiesman were married in Muenster at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In 1940, they moved to Pilot Point and, in 1951, moved to Harlingen, Texas.

She was a retired housewife and ecclesiastics hostess in Harlingen for many years, and also a lifelong member of the Altar Society. She



MARY EVA WIESMAN

was deeply involved in the Tarrant County Senior Citizens and a Regional Member of AARP, with many awards received for services rendered.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Frank Wiesman, who died on May 3, 1969; three brothers, Tony, Albert and Paul; and one sister, Christine.

Mrs. Wiesman is survived by two sons, Albert Theodore Wiesman of Fort Worth and Elmer Irvin Wiesman of Southlake; one daughter, Ella Mae Brown of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Edward Bernard Walterscheid of Harlingen; and one sister, Frances Marie Zimmerer of Lindsay.

Pallbearers were nephews, Eddie Fleitman, Cyril Walterscheid, James Walterscheid, Arnold Henscheid, all of Muenster, and Lawrence Wiesman of Rio Hondo, Texas and Louis Wiesman of Odessa.

Tempers flare over grant possibility at meeting

by Dave Fette

By a vote of 3 to 2, the Muenster City Council, amidst a long, heated and unfriendly debate, decided to discontinue their application for federal grant money to invest in a new water well and complementary support systems. But, on Wednesday morning, Mayor Bill Miller reported to *The Enterprise* that he had exercised his veto power to nullify that vote, thus letting the application to continue. As mayor, Miller does have the power to veto within three days of a council vote. However, the council has ultimate say-so and can reestablish their decision by majority vote at the next regular or special meeting.

It is not possible in this report to go into the depth of regulations and concerns which accompany such a grant. In a nutshell, those in favor of trying to get the grant, the mayor plus council members Fran Voth and Rick Stewart, feel that it is worth the costs and work to possibly receive \$300,000 to help alleviate Muenster's off-and-on water shortage, (see Letter to the Editor by Voth on page 2).

The opposition, council members Grant, Hennigan and Trubench, believe that the strings attached will be serious problems for Muenster. They feel it is safer to finance the water improvements through revenues and debt. They also fear problems in housing assistance and rehabilitation programs which have

been attached to the original grant application. Hennigan stated that the wording of the grant application indicates that Muenster may have to accept public housing programs in the future.

The mayor's veto may be overturned but, for now, the grant application for federal funds from the State of Texas is still in process. Many neighboring cities have received grants in past years.

Another controversy, Main Street parking angles, received attention at the Monday meeting. Many business people were present to argue for reestablishing 45-degree angle parking. A recent change to 30-degree angle parking has chopped off 16 parking spaces from

Main Street parking. Some stores have lost 50 percent of their parking spaces. The action has prompted a Texas Highway Department study which states, in part:

Flow characteristics documented at the intersections of Main Street with First, Second and Third Streets also indicated some motorist disregard for regulatory signs and safe driving principles. Counts covering four hours showed some drivers leaving parking spaces without continuing to look back after their vehicles were in motion. More than sixty drivers ignored stop signs. And over thirty percent of FM 373 traffic exceeded the speed limit. Traffic volume and speed, as well as pavement width, enter into

development of safety standards for parking orientation. Angle parking increases the number of spaces available while encroaching on street width and wide-angle vision. Without attention to the other behaviors identified, adjustment of parking spaces on Main Street will be of limited benefit as a safety measure.

The council tabled the merchants' request to go back to the old system and enforce traffic laws on Main Street.

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MSB names James T. Dangelmayr new director

James T. Dangelmayr, 42, has been named by Muenster State Bank as the new member of its Board of Directors, to complete the unexpired term of the late Doris Hamer.

He follows in a long line of Dangelmayr family members on the Board of Directors, beginning with Muenster pioneer Joseph Dangelmayr, an original charter member. Since 1931, the elder

Dangelmayr's son, J.R. Dangelmayr, serves as a director.

James T. Dangelmayr is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and Cooke County College and has been very active in all Dangelmayr Brothers operations.

Muenster State Bank recognizes and is appreciative of his expertise in farming and ranching. The appointment was made Tuesday in the December directors' meeting.

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Muenster native dies

Graveside services for Cecilia Margaret Fry were held Thursday, Dec. 9, 1993 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Muenster, with Father Victor Gillespie officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster Funeral Home of Palestine.

Mrs. Fry was born on Dec. 21, 1919 in Muenster. She worked as a technician for Texas Instruments

and was a Catholic. She was preceded in death by her father, Andrew Frank O'Connor.

Survivors include her mother, Sadie (Nieman) O'Connor of Muenster; two sons, George A. of Brownfield and Roger Fry of Carrollton; one sister, Evelyn Monday of Muenster; and five grandchildren.

Candidates file for March primaries

by Elaine Schad

Several incumbents and two newcomers have filed for the March Democratic Primary election less than one week into the filing period.

Cooke County Judge Ray Russell, District Clerk Bobbie Calhoun, County Treasurer Janet Johnson, Cooke County Commissioner Precinct 2 Kenneth Alexander and Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Royce Martin have all filed for re-election bids to their spots for four-year terms.

Two newcomers have filed for the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Place 2 seat, where incumbent Dorothy Smith has announced she is retiring and will not seek re-election. Connie Welch and Sam Winters have filed for that position.

Other positions that will be open for election are County Clerk, held by Frank Scoggins; County Commissioner Precinct 4, held by

Virgil Hess; and County Surveyor, held by Delbert West.

George Silvernale, chairman of the Cooke County Republican Party, reported that no one has yet filed for the Republican Primary. Filing will continue through 6 p.m. Jan. 3 for both the Democratic Primary and Republican Primary elections which will be held in March.

Those wishing to file for the Democratic Primary may do so by contacting Democratic Party Chairman Bill Sullivant at 665-5481. Those filing for the Republican Primary should contact Republican Party Chairman George Silvernale at 665-7462 or Republican Party Headquarters 665-8683. Anyone filing for the March primary election must file a designation of campaign treasurer form with the County Clerk's office designating the candidate's campaign chairman.

New CCAD Board elected

by Elaine Schad

There will be two new board members and three re-elected members to the Cooke County Appraisal District board of directors following election results announced by CCAD Chief Appraiser Ross Fry.

Keith Clegg and Phyllis Murrell, both of Gainesville, will be new to the board, which will begin serving Jan. 1 for a two-year term. They will replace Lloyd Marshall and Jake Lawson. Re-elected to the board were Arthur Felderhoff, Sandra Currie and Thomas Schad.

The CCAD board is elected by the county's taxing governmental entities. Each entity is granted an amount of votes in relation to the amount of appraised property value within that taxing jurisdiction.

Clegg received the largest amount of votes of all candidates

with 1001 votes, all cast by the Gainesville ISD. Murrell received the second-largest total, 1000 votes, all cast by the City of Gainesville. Felderhoff received 813 votes, receiving 594 votes from Cooke County, 126 from the City of Muenster, 48 from the Lindsay ISD and 45 from the Muenster ISD. Currie received 790 votes, with 563 coming from Cooke County and 227 from the City of Gainesville. Schad received all of his 690 votes from Cooke County.

Other candidates receiving votes were Richard Brown, who received 184 votes, 119 from the Valley View ISD and 65 from the Era ISD. Jerry McKown received 54 votes, with 26 from Sivells Bend ISD and 28 from Walnut Bend ISD. Other candidates were Jake Lawson and Kim Marlin, neither of whom received votes.

RABIES

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excessive salivation. According to Dr. Tisdale there are two main forms of rabies - dumb and aggressive. In the dumb form the animal just sits around and acts dumb and can have some of the above symptoms. With the aggressive form an animal will attack anything that moves and it also will exhibit some of the above symptoms. "Any change in the behavior of an exposed animal is cause for concern," said Dr. Tisdale.

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Christmas music will be presented in 2 programs

An afternoon and an evening of carols and instrumental music, honoring the beautiful season of Christmas, will be special treats offered on Thursday evening, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Gainesville, and on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at The Muenster Enterprise.

The first concert will be a combined Christmas program with the Gainesville High School Choir's presentation beginning at 7 p.m. and the Cooke County Chorale's presentation following at approximately 8 p.m.

Because both groups were planning performances, this proved to be an ideal opportunity to enjoy their many talents. The audience is welcome to attend both presentations on Thursday evening.

The Gainesville High School Choir will perform John Rutter's "Gloria," directed by Kevin Beall, Gainesville High School Choir Director, with brass ensemble

accompaniment. There is no charge of the high school choir program.

The 60-member Cooke County Chorale is under the direction of Dr. Michael Linder, with John Dill serving as accompanist. Performing some of the world's most beautiful holiday music, the chorale will include "Still, Still, Still," an Austrian carol arranged by Norman Luboff; "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" by Hugo Distler; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach; "Ave Verum" by Mozart; "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Holst; and "Many Moods of Christmas," Suite One by Robert Shaw. There will also be solos and ensembles by Chorale members. In Muenster, on Sunday afternoon, the Chorale will present the same program.

The Cooke County Chorale is requesting a \$5.00 donation to help send the Chorale to Germany and Austria next March. The Chorale is an active member of the Cooke County Arts Council.

Both Thursday's program and Sunday's program will offer a wonderful treat of holiday music.



ABOVE PHOTO, Spirit of Montague County 4-H Riding Club, represented by leader Ann Beck and youngest member, 3-year-old Ashley, accept trophy for Best Mounted Unit in the Muenster Christkindlmarkt Parade on Nov. 27. Ashley has overcome two types of leukemia. At left, Eric Fisher accepts Judges' Choice trophy for Edelweiss Kinderhaus' Wacky Robot entry in the Parade.

Dave Fette Photos

Luminaries light the way in Gainesville

Luminaries will be lighting the way through beautiful south Gainesville on Dec. 11 and 12 from 6 to 9 p.m.

In addition, a live nativity scene is also scheduled for the same time and dates.

Visitors making their way to this special attraction should take California Street east, turn south on Denton Street and follow the cars!

Hundreds of visitors each year drive through the popular area to enjoy the beautiful display of luminaries and other Christmas displays.

The event has become an annual one for Gainesville - each year culminating the efforts of many.

"The first time I saw the luminaries, I was overwhelmed and proud of what this elegant neighborhood does together," Gainesville's Community Revitalization Coordinator Judy Day said. "I know it takes many, many hours to fill the thousands of individual sacks with sand, place a candle in each sack, and light them one by one."

Day added, "A public thank you may not be said enough times to the participating families who give to our community a beautiful display that takes much time and effort."

Nevertheless, those efforts don't

go unnoticed, Day said, as more and more visitors come to admire the luminaries and view the live nativity each year.

A special addition to the scenery are Gainesville's well-known Victorian-style homes found nestled among tree-lined streets.

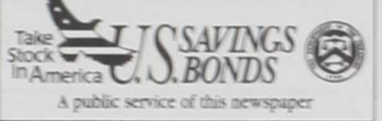
The live nativity scene, to be showcased for drive-by viewing will be located at the First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville on South Denton Street.

In the spirit of Saint Francis who set up the first nativity scene to remember the birth of Jesus, Gainesville's live nativity brings to life for all ages the true meaning of Christmas.

"Gainesville, Texas, known for its giving spirit, is once again ready to share this special holiday weekend with everyone," Day said.

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Consumer spending increases across Texas

"The economic climate in Texas continues to show improvement," State Comptroller John Sharp noted recently as he sent a total of \$188.4 million in November sales tax rebates to 1,072 Texas cities and 109 counties, reflecting a 16.2 percent increase in consumer spending over the same period last year.

Texas cities received \$171.6 million, up 16 percent over last November's payment of \$147.8 million. Counties received a total of \$16.7 million for their November rebates, a 17.4 percent increase over their payment of one year ago of \$14.3 million.

"Our state's total employment has risen an impressive 2.2 percent in the past year," Sharp said, "with the Austin and San Antonio metro areas leading the pack in employment growth."

Locally the sales rebate checks also show an increase in consumer spending. All Cooke County cities received a check greater than the one in November of 1992.

Muenster was sent a November rebates check totaling \$18,286.71. This is up 21.80 percent from the November 1992 check of \$15,013.66. Muenster's payment to date for 1993 total \$122,812.14, up 10.44 percent from the total to date a year ago.

Lindsay claimed a November rebate check for \$5,499.21. Last November their check was for \$4,565.18, showing a 19.36 percent improvement. Lindsay's 1993 payments to date total \$45,739.04, an increase of 6.11 percent.

Gainesville showed the most impressive change for the month with a November rebate check of \$197,777.64 which was an increase of 55.83 percent over last November's \$126,916.96. Total payments to date for the city in 1993, \$1,311,225.90, is up 17.77 percent from November 1992.

Valley View was sent a \$3,445.85 check for November '93.

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the legislation and then they should fund it.

"I say fund education first and let them fight for all the rest of it," declared Mr. Bush. "The welfare budget has gone up 27 percent per biennium over the last four years."

Bush would like to see the majority of the money in the budget applied to education. He stressed that no more money should be put into the system until it is fixed.

Bush reasoned that we have high property taxes because the state is funding less and less of public education and is showing the burden down to the local people. "When you say we haven't had a tax raise in two years, that's not right," commented Bush. "We've had a property tax increase because the state of Texas has chosen to pass it on to the people in order to fund education. That is a tax increase."

George W. Bush accompanied State Representative Ric Williamson, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry and Fred Meyer, state Republican party head.

The men were speaking at various places across Williamson's district to announce Representative Williamson's decision to change his affiliation from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party.

It was an increase of 38.07 percent from the \$2,495.63 check of November '92. The city's total payments to date in November 1993, \$29,741.57, increased 7.38 from a year ago.

Oak Ridge's November rebate check for \$3,505.81 showed an increase of 7.80 percent from that of November '92. Payments to date, \$34,975.56 are up 3.74 percent from November 1992.

All total the checks sent to Cooke County cities this November equaled \$228,465.22. Compared to last November's total of \$152,243.34, this was an increase of 50.06 percent.

Cooke County received \$105,926.94 as its November rebate. This was up 53.94 percent from last November's check of \$68,809.51. Cooke County's payments to date, \$769,464.28, are up 17.54 percent from this time last year.

VVUSD proceeds with condemnation attempt

The Valley View school board, during a special meeting this week, passed a resolution authorizing the district's attorneys to begin condemnation proceedings for the purchase of 40 acres of property.

Depending upon how quickly papers are filed, a condemnation hearing could be held by early February, Valley View Superintendent Steve Schneider said.

School trustees in September voted to proceed with the purchase of a 40-acre tract which is a portion of a 203-acre tract located just west of the campus and across the road southwest of the elementary building. The board authorized the school's attorneys to proceed with making an offer or with eminent domain proceedings, whichever is necessary to make the purchase.

Schneider said the board made the decision because the district is presently landlocked with no outlet for expansion, and that the land directly to the west of the school is the only land within a close proximity that is available. He declined to give any other details due to the legalities of land purchase proceedings.

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Other action included: - The council cast votes for Arthur Felderhoff to be a member of the Cooke County Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors.

- Mary Moster and Missy Dangelmayr were appointed to the Library Board.

- Tom Swirczynski and Steve Yosten were reappointed to the Zoning Board.

- A resolution requiring all official mail and information requests to be routed through City Hall was passed.

- Monthly bills totaling \$40,844.96 were approved for payment.

Latest Cooke County unemployment noted

October employment statistics released by the Texas Employment Commissioner show Cooke County experienced a jump in its total labor force but also a higher unemployment rate than last month.

Cooke County followed a statewide trend with a jump in its unemployment rate to 6.5 percent for October compared to a 5.7 percent unemployment rate for September. Cooke County sliced a full point off its unemployment rate in September following the opening of the Gainesville Factory Shops. The Cooke County unemployment rate was still below the Texas rate of 6.9 percent, which jumped four-tenths of a percentage point from September's rate of 6.5 percent.

Cooke County has the highest unemployment rate among its neighboring counties according to the October figures. Grayson County showed an unemployment rate of 6.3 percent while Denton County's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent. Both Grayson County and Montague County each showed an unemployment rate of 5.7 percent.

October figures showed Cooke County with a labor force of 13,226, up almost 300 from September's labor force of 12,953. John Kruse, labor market analyst with the TEC

in Austin, said the county also followed a statewide trend in showing an increased labor force. He said more people in October were categorized as new entrants to the labor force or people who have re-entered the labor force.

Although a 40-step analysis is used to determine the unemployment rate for each of Texas' 254 counties, a heavy emphasis is placed on the number of unemployment insurance claims that were filed during the month, Kruse said. He had no specific reason for the increased unemployment rate in Cooke County, but said the unemployment claims probably played a major role in the increase.

Of the 13,226 in the labor force in Cooke County, 12,365 were employed and 861 were unemployed.

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Several times before, we have requested your help on similar Christmas features, and always we've received favorable responses. But, rarely have we found anyone willing to "tell their own story." Most people usually say, "Oh, I would just love to read such things about others, but I don't want to do it myself!"

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2. Each and every person in the community is eligible to cast their vote.
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4. If you are not sure who lives at a residence, go to their door and ask, or ask a neighbor.

CATEGORIES:

BEST BUSINESS - NAME
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

BEST RESIDENTIAL - NAME
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

BEST RURAL - NAME
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

BEST RELIGIOUS - NAME
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

MOST UNIQUE - NAME
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

MOST HUMOROUS - NAME
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

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Prize money for each category except "Best Street Block" is: 1st prize, \$100.00; 2nd prize, \$50.00; 3rd prize, \$25.00. Street block is \$175.00 total to be divided; used for a street party; or to buy more decorations for the street block for next year's decorating contest.

Nominees can win in only one category; if they are one of the top three in more than one category, the top award will be given and another nominee awarded the other award.

Lifestyle

Couple wed Nov. 13

Holy Cross Catholic Church of East Bernard, Texas was the scene of the wedding of Kathleen Kramr to Alex Fuhrmann, both of Houston, on Nov. 13, 1993. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Syl Kramr of East Bernard and the groom is the son of Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann of Rt. 2, Gainesville.

Father Gerry Cernock officiated for their vows in a double-ring ceremony, and was celebrant of the Nuptial Mass at 2:30 p.m.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing an ivory satin wedding gown designed by Mary's. The princess bodice had a sweetheart neckline that was encrusted with heavily-beaded and sequined Schiffler lace appliques and dipped to a gently-rounded Basque waistline. In back, the bodice was also adorned with beaded Schiffler lace and had satin-covered buttons from neckline to the double candy box bow at the back waist. Juliet sleeves were delicately graced with seed pearls and sequins over Schiffler lace. The full, shirred satin skirt was adorned with Schiffler lace medallions and a satin bow. Matching lace edged the hemline. The semi-cathedral-length train had matching lace medallions elegantly patterned over the expanse of the train.

She wore an ivory tiara headpiece covered with beaded and sequined lace medallions, delicately enhanced with ivory satin rosettes and leaves. The detachable, double-tiered veil and pouf were edged in very narrow ivory satin ribbon.

For sentiment, she carried her grandmother's handkerchief and borrowed her mother's rosary.

ATTENDANTS
Rachel Merta of Brownsville, bride's cousin, was maid of honor. Denise Tovar of Richmond, a friend of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Laura Fuhrmann of Lindsay, groom's sister; Jamie Polak of East Bernard, bride's cousin; Cheryl Dusek of Sugarland and Natalie Michulka of Houston, friends of the bride.

They wore jacquard shantung dresses designed with straight tea-length skirts, sweetheart necklines and elbow-length full puffed sleeves.

Crystal Fuhrmann and Amber Fuhrmann of Lindsay, groom's nieces, were flower girls and Andy

Davis of Muenster, groom's nephew, was ring bearer.

Ted Fuhrmann of Lindsay, groom's brother, was best man. Groomsmen were Darryl Kramr and Thomas Kramr of Houston, bride's brother; Joe D. Prochaska of East Bernard, bride's cousin; Rudy Tovar of Richmond, a friend; and Leonard Fuhrmann of Lindsay, groom's cousin.

Mass servers were John Prochaska and James Prochaska of East Bernard, bride's cousins.

Wedding music, presented by John Dujka, organist, and Natalie Mica, vocalist, included "The Wedding Song" and traditional wedding marches.

Floral arrangements in front of the altar and four tall candelabra enhanced the sanctuary. Candles and bows marked center aisle pews.

RECEPTION

A reception followed at Riverside Hall in East Bernard for 650 guests, hosted by the bride's parents.

All tables were covered in white, with a center band of hot pink ribbon. Flower arrangements with hurricane globes and candles centered each table. Pink and purple balloons were used around the center pole.

The three-tiered bride's cake was surrounded by seven heart-shaped cakes; they were decorated with purple and fuschia flowers. The double-tier chocolate groom's cake was decorated with chocolate-covered strawberries and grapes. Friends and relatives helped with serving cake, punch and coffee.

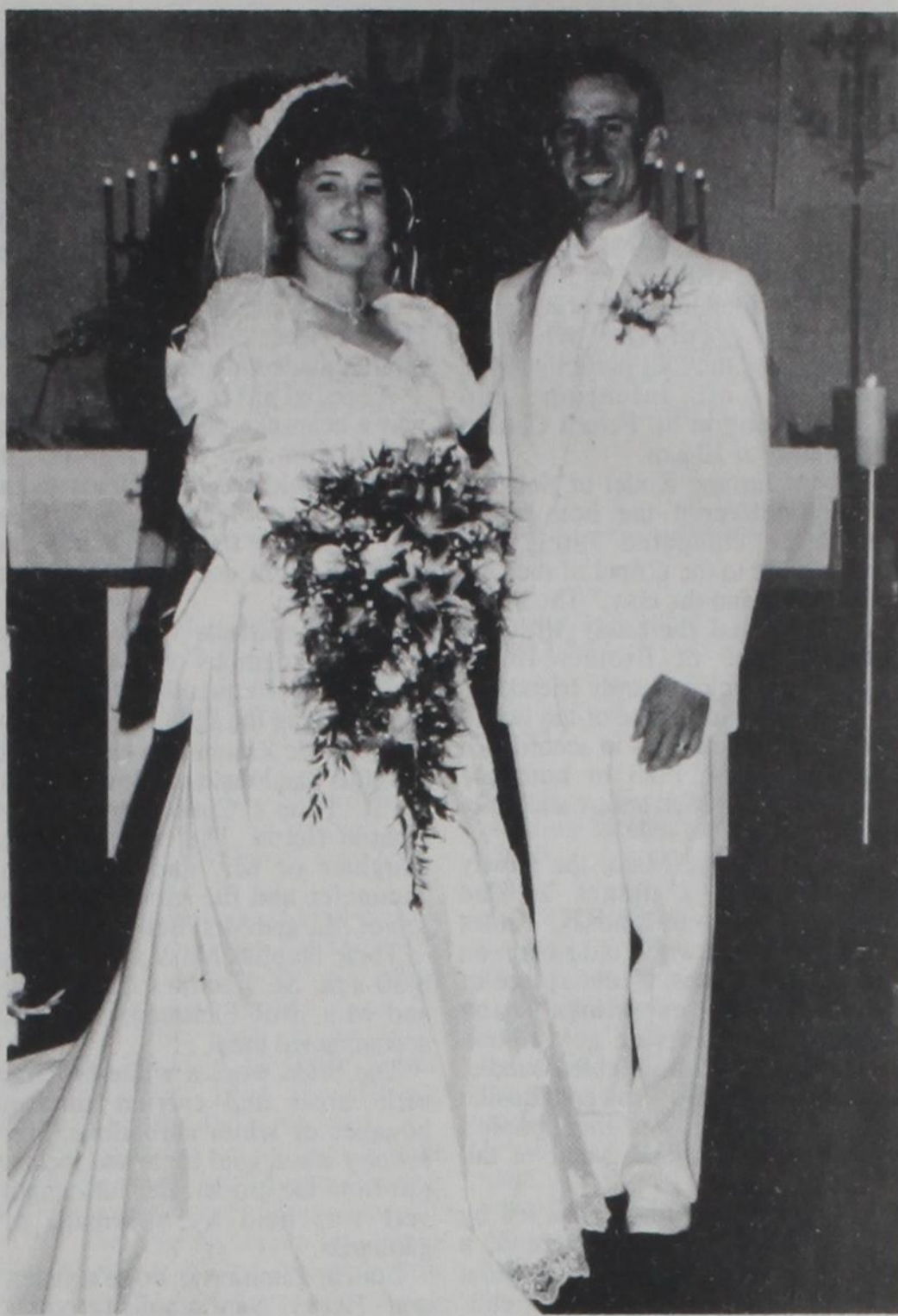
The formal rehearsal dinner was held in Riverside Hall, following rehearsal in Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Since return from a wedding trip to Orlando, Florida, the couple resides in Houston.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of East Bernard High School and a 1988 graduate of Wharton County Junior College. She is an Accounting Clerk, employed by Shell Oil Company in Houston. The groom is a 1982 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 1990 graduate of Midwestern State University. He is an Industrial Hygienist employed by Envirotech, Inc. of Houston.

NOTICE

Betty Rose and Jerry Walterscheid invite all to view the new nativity set they won at the Sunday Thanksgiving Social at Sacred Heart Community Center. They have it set up now at their home for the holidays and are anxious to have everyone enjoy it with them. The nativity set was made by Stacie Miller.



MR. and MRS. ALEX FUHRMANN
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New Arrivals

Acuna

T.J. and Tyler Acuna proudly announce the birth of their little sister, Kayla Marie, who was born Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1993, at 7:25 p.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Kayla weighed 6 lb. 10-1/2 oz. and measured 19-1/2 inches in length. Parents are Tony and Kerri Acuna. Grandparents are Buddy and Dorothy Yosten of Muenster, Joe Acuna of Saint Jo, and Mirla Reyes of San Saba. Great-grandparents are Lydia Acuna of Saint Jo and Delores Mendiola of San Saba.

Denning

Ronnie and Cindy Denning of Rosston proudly announce the birth of their second son, Dakota Maverick Denning on Monday, Dec. 6, 1993, at 8:36 a.m. in Denton Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. Dakota joins a brother, Colter, and a sister, Ursula. Grandmother is Beverly Price of Forestburg. Great-grandparents are Mary Jane Denning of Bryson; Corine Pixley of Ontario, California; and Stella and Tony Price of Arkansas.

Penny

Jerry and Doris Penny of Lorain, Ohio joyously announce the birth of their son, Justin Cory Penny, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1993, at 6:23 a.m. in Elyria Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds three ounces and measured 20 inches long. Also welcoming the new baby is big brother John Cody, age 2. Grandparents are Shirley and Bob Penny of Raleigh, North Carolina and the late Al and Evelyn Schmitt.

Fleitman

Chad and Debra Fleitman of Gainesville announce with joy the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jordan Rose Fleitman, on Dec. 2, 1993, at 3:09 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 5

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- This time of year is an excellent time to give more thought to rituals that have special meaning.

First Reconciliation held for 45 children

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, forty-five children of Sacred Heart Parish received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The theme of the service was that of the good shepherd leaving 99 sheep and looking for the one lost sheep. Father Victor Gillespie, OSB, presided at the service and told the children and their families the story of Lily Lamb. He was assisted by Father Frowin Schoech, OSB, Father Eugene Luke, OSB, and Father John Lambert, OSA.

Those receiving the sacrament for the first time were Zachary Barnhill, Jayna Biffle, Jared Britain, Deann Dangelmayr, Joseph Dangelmayr, Bridget Ellis, Kyle Endres, Lisa Endres, Chelsea Felderhoff, Diana Felderhoff, Karen Gehrig, Cindy Hartman, Courtney Hartman, Kirk Hartman, Darrell Henscheid, Robyn Hermes, Kimberly Hess, Noah Hess, Todd Hess, Bridgette Klement, Frank Klement, Martha Knabe, Kristian Koesler, Tony

Koesler, Kristi McAden, John McCoy, Tony Moster, Liliana Nasche, Christopher Rains, Kathleen Sanchez, Kathryn Sepanski, Lynn Sicking, Nathan Sicking, John Sturm, Adam Taylor, Laura Taylor, Amy Trevino, Alisha Walterscheid, Ashley Walterscheid, Cameron Walterscheid, Kevin Walterscheid, Melinda Walterscheid, Christina Weinzapfel, Wes Wimmer and Matthew Yosten.

After going to confession, each child pinned a lamb to a banner of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

The children attending Sacred Heart School were prepared by Sister Genevieve McConnell, OSB; those attending Sacred Heart Religious Education classes were prepared by Debbie Hartman, Linda Knabe and Sandra Hennigan.

Afterward, the children and their families enjoyed a reception of cookies and punch in the cafeteria, hosted by Kathy Berres of the Social Activities Commission.


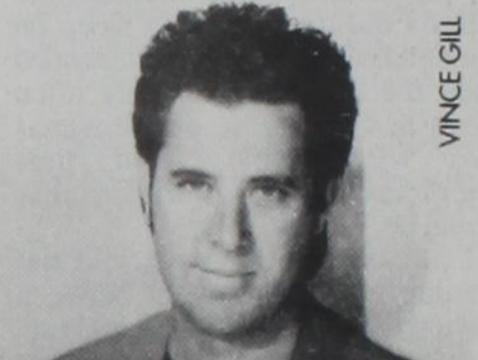
Social Concerns Committee seeks Christmas donations



Patsy Bayer, of the Social Concerns Committee, has sent word that Christmas baskets for the needy will be packed on the afternoon of Dec. 17 and will be delivered that evening.

There is a need for children's clothing and toys, fresh fruits, fresh meats and bar soaps, shampoos, toiletries and paper products. The committee stresses that there is a

good supply on hand of canned goods; therefore, at present, there is not a need for canned goods.

A basket has been set up at Ben Franklin Store for children's toys and clothing. "If people can find it in their hearts to help, please call Patsy Bayer, 759-2814, or leave items at Tender Loving Care Day Care Center, or call for pick-up or information."





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Goldenweds celebrate Nov. 28

Julius and Marie Sandmann celebrated 50 years together on Sunday, Nov. 28, 1993, surrounded by their six children and spouses and 18 grandchildren. In observance of their golden wedding anniversary, they all participated in a Mass of Intention and Thanksgiving in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay at 10 a.m.

Abbot Jerome Kodel of Subiaco Abbey delivered the homily, in which he compared Julius and Marie's life to the gospel of the day, "the potter and the clay." The honor couple shared their day with the 50th Jubilee of Brother Henry Fuhrmann, a close family friend.

Abbot Jerome spoke of the Lord's molding of their lives in accordance to His Divine Plan in both the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders.

Following the Mass, the family gathered for a dinner at The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay. Tables were decorated with gold ribbon on white table cloths, a centerpiece of white mums, carnations, baby orchids entwined with gold ribbon and centered with a lighted candle, created by Lora's Flowers. Beside the centerpiece was the couple's wedding picture and a pair of tall white candles.

Prayer before dinner was led by the children. Mary Jo Berend, a daughter, read aloud the original newspaper account of her parents' wedding day. Charlotte Klement, another daughter, offered a toast in honor of her parents, thanking them for their love and devotion and many sacrifices over the years, and asking the Lord to continually bless them with health and happiness in their lives together.

A bountiful dinner of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings was served to 36 family members. After dinner, the children and grandchildren enjoyed interviewing the couple about their courtship and wedding day.

Following the meal, the family gathered in the couple's home for the traditional custom of cutting the wedding anniversary cake. It was

made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, two-tiered and trimmed with gold roses and leaves. The top keepsake layer held a gold "50" symbol.

Throughout the day, Harold and Dolly Owen, close friends of the family, made videos.

A special gift to the honor couple was a keepsake photo album of the six children and their families. It contained old and new photos and a special page where all could sign and write love letters or thank-you notes to Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa.

Family portraits were made by Roach Photography of Muenster.

Recalled frequently throughout the day was the day 50 years ago when Marie Zimmerer was married to Julius Sandmann on Nov. 9, 1943 in St. Peter's Church by Father Conrad Herda. The bride was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerer and the groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sandmann.

Their Nuptial Mass was held at 8:30 a.m. St. Cecilia's Choir sang and Mrs. Bill Fleitman, organist, accompanied them.

The bride wore a white brocade satin dress and carried an arm bouquet of white carnations. Her jewelry was a gold chain and locket, gift from the groom. Her full-length veil was held by a wreath of gardenias.

Louise Zimmerer, bride's sister, and Henry Sandmann, groom's brother, were honor attendants. The wedding breakfast was hosted by the bride's parents in their home where an all-day gathering was held for the immediate family. A dance followed in the evening in the parish hall.

For her anniversary party, the golden-year bride wore a two-piece linen suit of teal blue and a corsage of white carnations, gold ribbon and netting. Her groom had a white carnation boutonniere.

During the celebration, it was also recalled that the John Zimmerer family and the Willie Fuhrmann families were next door farm neighbors, and the children often picked cotton or shocked grain

together in their growing-up years.

On the golden anniversary day, family members who gathered were the couple's six children and their families: Larry Sandmann and his wife, Sharon, and their children, Rick, Lance and Dawn; Leroy Sandmann and his wife, Doris, and their children, Kyle and Kacey; Charlotte (Sandmann) Klement and her husband, Dale, and their children, Keith, Tina and Cody; Mary Jo (Sandmann) Berend and her husband, Tom, and their children, Michelle, Ginger and Kristen; Diamond Sandmann and his wife, Debbie, and their children, April, Amy and Josh; Leslie Sandmann and his wife, Marilynn, and their children, Adrienne and Renee.

Also present was a sister of the bride, Margaret Koerner of Lindsay, Harold and Dolly Owen of Lindsay,

Michelle Monday of Muenster, guest of Rick Sandmann.

Stopping in to wish the couple well were Clem and Rita Sandmann of Lindsay and Kenneth Walterscheid of Muenster. The couple enjoyed a number of phone calls and cards.

Unable to attend, but sending good wishes on their grandparents' special day, were two grandsons and their spouses, Chad and Edwina Sandmann of Panama City, Florida, and Corey and Shawn Sandmann of Sumter, South Carolina. They are members of the Leroy Sandmann family.

Julius and Marie keep busy with their home, church and civic activities. He is active in his beef cattle business and her special hobbies are quilting and crocheting. Highlights of their lives are their beloved grandchildren.

Happy Birthday Mary Schilling!

Memories of Christmas in Muenster recalled

by Dorothy Mae (Luke) Denny
We would get up Christmas morning and get dressed about 4 a.m. so we could get to church by 5 a.m. Father Frowin was pastor and he didn't approve of Midnight Mass. Mama did not allow us in the music room where the tree and presents were until we got home from Mass.

I sometimes think Mama and Elfreda did not get much sleep on Christmas Eve. Christmas depended upon the turkey sales. They often drove to Gainesville on Christmas Eve with money that pre-determined how big our Christmas would be.

I can still see my 5-year-old self running across the street between car and church as fast as I could run, because it was so cold. My earliest recollection of Christmas was my fifth birthday which was Dec. 30.

Elfreda made cookies and candies galore and tried to hide them about the house for weeks before Christmas. Most of them we found. I can remember her date bars which were my very best favorites. Mama would buy big sacks of oranges and grapefruit from the "Valley." Never did I even think that one of my daughters would marry a man from the Rio Grande Valley and then bring us cartons of beautiful citrus at Christmas time.

When our oldest child, Mary Nell, was six years old, we promised her a visit to the farm in Muenster, out on the hill. Mama had arranged for one of the Felix Becker boys (I think maybe it was Walter) to come to the door as Santa Claus carrying all the toys for my children. They had never had such an experience before! When the excitement settled down, my husband Charlie said to Mary Nell, "My goodness! What do you think of that?" With a simple shrug, that six-year-old wise kid answered, "Very nice, Mama, very nice, except he was wearing a mask." For the first time I can recall, her Grandfather Luke didn't have an answer.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dorothy Denny is making a slow recovery after more than two years of illness.)

by Wayne Klement

One of our funniest Christmas memories happened just three years ago. It was the last year we went out and cut a real tree. It had perfect size, shape and thickness. It was the most perfect tree we had ever found, except for one thing - it was a "double-trunker." We knew better, but this was, by far, the best tree in the woods, so down it came. With the help of half the tools I own and a few choice words, the tree was standing in our living room, waiting to be decorated. To make sure it remained standing we tied a string to the wall from the tree.

Christmas Eve arrived and, as we were doing evening chores, Santa came. As we came in the door, the

kids saw all the gifts and ran to the tree. When Misty, our daughter, reached for the light switch, she accidentally hit the string holding the tree. You wouldn't believe the looks on everyone's face as they stared at the tree, ornaments and all, sprawled amongst the gifts. There was total silence!! No one moved!

I remember Tudor saying, "Not a present gets opened until this tree is history!!!" Packages were pushed aside, ornaments and tinsel were whisked off the tree as lights were ripped from its branches. The tree was dragged outside and it was time for presents. The next day, the remaining ornaments were taken off the tree laying in our yard.

We still laugh about it and no one in our family will ever forget that tree!

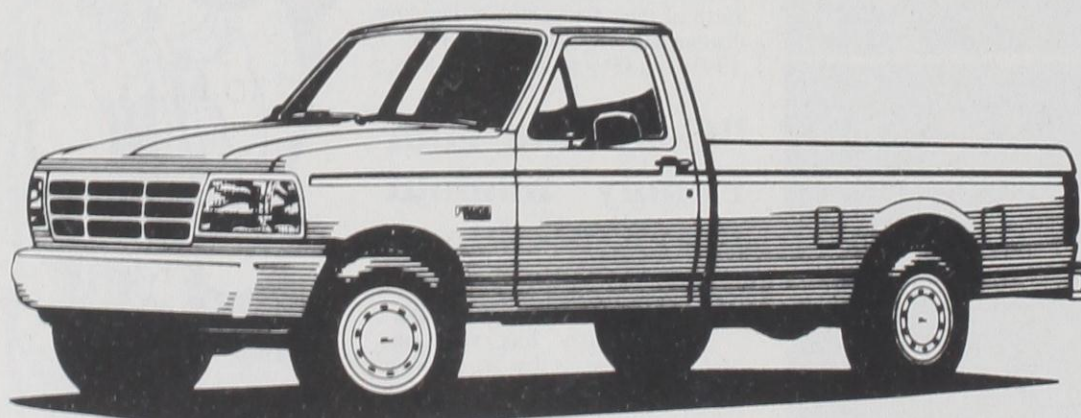
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Saint Jo Opry celebrates 6th anniversary

Sponsors of the Saint Jo Opry announced plans for their sixth anniversary and Christmas show to be held Dec. 11 in the Saint Jo School Auditorium. The show will begin at 7 p.m.

A number of entertainers who have appeared on shows in the past have been invited to participate in the show. Guests scheduled are Cindy Lyons and Dana McCrary, both of Saint Jo, Donnie Davis of Nocona and Robert Boudreaux of Bowie.

The Opry is sponsored by the Country Cut Ups and is hosted by Sonny and Dee Cole. A \$2.00 admission is charged. Donations are made to area volunteer fire/EMS departments throughout the year. Donations for the month of December will be announced during the show. The Saint Jo PTO will be selling concessions.

Peter Kappas promoted to director of facilities

Portable Energy Products, Inc. of Scotts Valley, California has appointed Peter B. Kappas, 48, director of facilities.

He is the son of Muenster native, Mary Kappas, and the late Peter Kappas Sr. A longtime resident of Muenster, he attended both Sacred Heart School and Muenster High School and is a graduate of North Texas State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology.

For four years, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps with the First Marine Wing, Marine Corps Air Facility in Japan.

Kappas and his wife, Karen, are residents of Mountain View, California and have three children - Jessica, Derek and Kasey.

Prior to Portable Energy Products, Inc., Kappas was the director of facilities for Synergy Semiconductor. He worked as the director of corporate facilities at Dynabook Technologies and Conner Peripherals. From 1980 to 1989, as Domain Technology grew from a start-up to the volume leader in thin film media, Kappas directed the domestic and international facilities operations.

As director of facilities for Portable Energy Products, he is responsible for all aspects of facilities management/operations/engineering, environmental compliance and safety regulations. He has more than 16 years of experience directing domestic and international facilities operations in state-of-the-art manufacturing plants.

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provide 40 to 60 percent higher energy density than previous batteries using the same technology. These energy cells are flat, thin and lightweight, providing significant performance advantages and lower cost to original equipment manufacturers. Portable Energy Products batteries offer the greatest advantages in industries such as laptop, notebook and handheld personal computers, portable instruments and electric vehicles where weight, battery-life and cost per cycle are issues.



PETER KAPPAS

J.E.L.L.Y. group has Christmas party Dec. 3

Eighty junior high students from Muenster and Gainesville gathered at the Community Center of Sacred Heart on Friday evening, Dec. 3, from 7 to 10 p.m., for a Christmas Party, sponsored by J.E.L.L.Y.

Festive decorations, games, prizes, holiday snacks and dancing highlighted the evening. Adult sponsors included Janet Voth, Ernie Martin, Dale and Sylvia Bayer and Jeannine Flusche.

The next J.E.L.L.Y. event will be on Jan. 21 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Community Center. Brian Randone will be the guest. He is a Christian mime and comes with high recommendations. All junior high students are encouraged and invited to attend.

ATTENTION!

"Sparkling Enchanted Storybook Land" is the theme and participation by all local residents and businesses (rural and town) is encouraged to make this year's Chamber of Commerce-sponsored lighting contest a shining success. Muenster Marks will be awarded in each category in this manner: 1st place, \$100; 2nd place, \$50; and 3rd place, \$25. Rural participants are encouraged to call the Chamber office, 759-2227, or **The Muenster Enterprise**, 759-4311, so that their creations can be viewed by more people. Ballots will be published in the Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 issues of **The Enterprise**.

Saint Jo Christmas Tour of Homes set for Dec. 19

The Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce will host the sixth annual Tour of Homes on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19.

The tour will start at 2 p.m. at 208 South Main, the old Tom Field home. This home was built before 1900, and was moved from the corner of the town square to its present location in 1914. It was purchased in 1964 by Bill and Louise Crump and remodeled.

Second stop on the tour will be the Presbyterian Church, built in 1909 using some of the materials from the original church building of 1878. Some of the furniture from the original church remains in use. The present building was remodeled in 1952.

The tour then moves to 300 South Main, to the Rhoda Harvill home, built by Henry Field and first

occupied in 1914. The cost of building at that time was a hefty \$8,000. Purchased by Saint Jo realtor Rhoda Harvill in 1983, it serves as a Bed and Breakfast, attracting visitors from as far away as New England.

The home of John Fredrick the next stop on the tour, is probably the oldest home on the tour. This pre-turn of the century home was originally the Otha Donnell house. It still has a water well that was used to water cattle that were housed in pens that stood just to the west of this property where two nice modern homes now stand. Located at 200 West Bogges Street, this home was bought and remodeled by Rhoda Harvill in 1988, then sold to John Fredrick.

The beautiful Phillips Ranch tops off the tour, just west of Saint Jo on Hwy. 82. This eye-catching, traditionally Southern two-story home was built by George Washington Phillips in 1913. After being unoccupied for 15 years, Leeton Joe Phillips, great-grandson of the original owner, began renovation in 1987.

All homes on the tour will be decorated for the season.

Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 at the first house on the tour, with proceeds dedicated to projects of the Chamber. Each ticket will buy a chance in the drawing for door prizes at the Harvill home. Door prizes include a wreath donated by Flossie Schoppa, a punch bowl donated by the Chamber, a Christmas tree donated by Weldon's, and a gift certificate donated by the Cowboy Depot. Refreshments and fellowship will be on hand for all.

Danielle celebrates "Sweet Six" birthday

Danielle Renee Bindel, daughter of Ben and Tina Bindel, celebrated turning "sweet six" on several different occasions.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, she celebrated with a "birthday party in the park," hosted by her mother and special friend, "Aunt Cindy." Danielle's birthday cake was specially decorated with a beautiful unicorn in all colors surrounded by hearts and held a keepsake porcelain unicorn. After having refreshments



DANIELLE BINDEL

of cake, ice cream sandwiches and punch and opening gifts, Danielle and her guests enjoyed playing in the park. A fun time was had by all as they played "Pin the Horn on the Unicorn" and other party games. Danielle enjoyed presenting personalized souvenir cups full of "school" goodies and candy and unicorn balloons to her guests.

In attendance were Danielle's brother and sister, Brandon and Briana; and her friends and classmates, Lana Fisher, Jessica JaBlonsky, Shannon Hartman, Debra Yosten, Diana Knabe, JoEll Fuhrmann, Teresa Greathouse, Haylee Hess, Chelsea Switzer, Angie Cox, Whitney Winner, Nicole Bayer and Karen Flusche.

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, Danielle's actual birthday, she celebrated with the traditional cake/candle ceremony at Sacred Heart Kindergarten with her teacher, Miss Cindy, and her classmates. That afternoon, she and her mother shared dinosaur cupcakes, which they enjoyed baking and decorating, with her class. Danielle was honored that week at school as the "greatest kid on earth" and was presented with a certificate from her teacher. She displayed a poster, made by her mother, which highlighted special events in her life. She had a very special week at school.

Danielle celebrated again, on Sunday, Oct. 10, with a family birthday party at Chuck E. Cheese's Pizza Parlor in Lewisville. She and her Aunt Tricia, whose birthday was Oct. 1, were the guests of honor. After eating pizza and birthday cake, they enjoyed opening presents, playing games and visiting. Danielle's mother presented special goody bags to Danielle and her cousins. Helping Danielle celebrate were her parents, her brother and sister, Brandon and Briana; and her uncle and aunt, Benny Mack and Tricia Garrett of Rowlett and her cousins, Stacie and Courtney.

Reindeer, musicals highlight Six Flags Holiday in the Park

The magic of reindeer in their holiday splendor will be featured at an old-fashioned Holiday in the Park celebration at Six Flags Over Texas.

Five baby and three adult reindeer have been imported from Alaska to join the holiday festivities, which began Nov. 26. You can visit with Rudolph's friends at our reindeer petting zoo, where everyone can experience these exotic and docile creatures.

Also new this year is a festive parade with floats, entertainers and a band that will perform Christmas songs as they march through the park spreading holiday joy. It will all culminate in a sparkling finale show, a living Christmas card, around the giant Christmas tree and decorative displays in the front entrance mall.

Two staged musical productions accent the holiday celebration, including the Victorian-style "A Magical Musical Christmas" and

"Country Christmas" which adds a Texas flavor to the season.

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All the rides will be open except the Oil Derrick, the Texas Chute Out and water rides.

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Food Show completes county 4-H Food Project

by Shellie Jupe,

County Extension Agent-H.E.

What is a 4-H Food & Nutrition Project? It's learning why broccoli and carrots are good for you to eat. It's knowing that how a food is prepared affects the total calorie content. It's going to the grocery store, reading food labels and comparing prices. It's learning what food groups are needed, how much food is needed from each group, and why.

A Food & Nutrition Project also includes learning about how exercise combined with nutritious foods are good for your health. It's planning a day's menu including adequate foods from all food groups. It's learning about how a food can be more attractive with the use of garnishes. A Food & Nutrition Project is also the combining of different colors, and textures for a more interesting meal. It's learning about kitchen and food safety. Oh, yes, it's also learning how to prepare and taste new foods.

This year, under the guidance of food and nutrition leaders over the county, over 105 4-H'ers participated in Food & Nutrition Project group meetings. The Food & Nutrition Project was brought to a close officially on Saturday, Nov. 6, with 57 4-H'ers and 24 Clover Kids participating in the Food Show.

During the judging, leaders worked with the 4-H'ers and Clover Kids on making pinecone Christmas trees and many other activities. The activities were led by Becky Felderhoff, Patricia Hitt, Carolyn Lutkenhaus, Melanie Clayton, Kathleen Cravens and Jill Trammell.

The Food Show, which was held in Whaley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, was sponsored by Gainesville National Bank. Each 4-H'er and Clover Kid received a Pioneer Packaged Mix donated by Pioneer Flour Mills and the winners and alternates received spices and extract flavorings donated by Adams Extract Company.

Top winners in each food group will participate in the District 4-H Food Show on Dec. 11.

Winning first in the different Food Groups are: Senior Main Dish Division, Sara Flusche, Lindsay Sr.; Senior Fruit & Veg. Div., Greg Brooks, Woodbine; Senior Bread & Cereal Div., Charlene Lutkenhaus, Lindsay Sr.; Senior Snacks & Desserts Div., Robert Lutkenhaus, Lindsay Sr.; Junior Main Dish Div., Brandon Schroeder, Lindsay Jr.; Junior Fruit & Veg. Div., Dominic Fuhrmann, Lindsay Jr.; Junior Bread & Cereal Div., Jackie Henscheid, Muenster; Junior Snacks & Desserts Div., Jennie Stiles, Silver Cedar.

Tax Talk

by: Duane Knabe, CPA

The IRS is always looking for tax cheats. One method of finding them is the use of paid informants. Rewards are determined by the IRS based on the value of the information received and how much in additional tax is collected. In 1992, the IRS paid \$1.7 million in rewards to 621 informants. In 1991, it paid \$1.5 million to 732 informants.

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Vanessa Felderhoff competes in horse show

On Saturday, Nov. 6, Vanessa Felderhoff participated in the Willow Oaks Equestrian Center Horse Show in Lafayette, Louisiana. She was awarded a first place ribbon in the Advanced Beginner Over Fence Jumping class at a Walk-Trot-Canter pace and a second place in the same event in a different class. She received a first place in the Under Saddle Class at Walk, Trot and Canter Equitation.

Vanessa also received the trophy for Division Champion in the Advanced Beginner division. Her mount was Smokey Joe of the stables of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Vanessa is an active member of the Plantations Pride Pony Club in the Lafayette area.



VANESSA FELDERHOFF and SMOKY JOE

St. Nicholas pays annual visit to Dangelmayr kin

In keeping with a long-standing tradition, the Dangelmayr family celebrated the feast of Saint Nicholas with a family gathering and visit with Saint Nicholas, Mrs. A. J. (Girly) Felderhoff hosted the get together in her home in Gainesville on Saturday, Dec. 4.

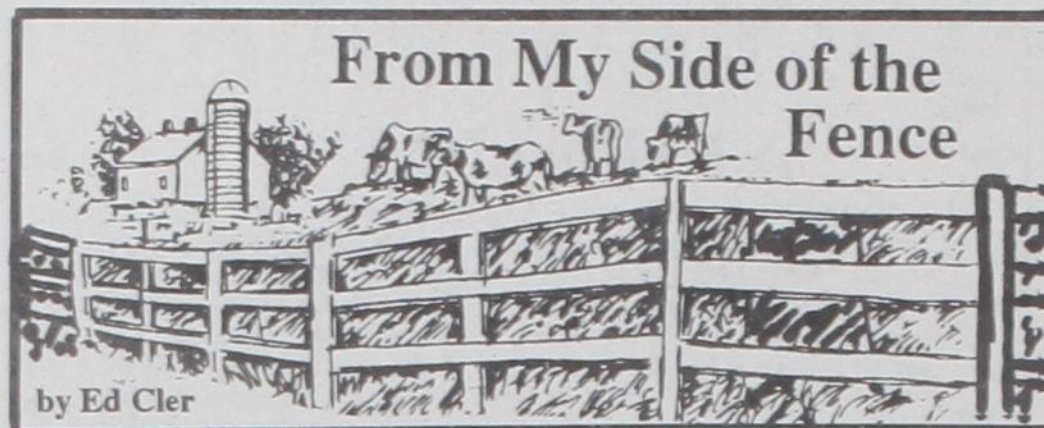
The Felderhoff home was decorated with a Christmas tree and a decorated table held an abundance of sweets, punch, and cold cuts.

Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse led the group of about 70 in singing Christmas carols, some in German. "Happy Birthday was sung to Bertha Fleitman and Anthony Felderhoff, one year old son of Ronnie and Patti Felderhoff of Austin.

Saint Nicholas arrived with three large red bags filled with sacks of goodies. He posed for pictures with the young and old. The children then helped him distribute the goodies.

Attending were Bertha and Bruno Fleitman; Albert and Catherine Kubis; Girly Felderhoff; Steve, Donna, Brad, Kerri and Kelli Felderhoff of The Colony; Carol, Jessica, Russell and Kristen Zimmerer of Denton; Ronnie, Patti and Anthony Felderhoff of Austin; Mary, Joseph, Michelle and Matthew Fiala of Dallas; Kathy, Melissa, R. J., Katie and Nathan Metzler of Era; Jeff and Claudia Felderhoff of Arlington and their friends Wayne, Monica and twin sons, Cameron and Cole; Judy, Don, Daniel, and Darrell Woodall of Fort Worth; Joanie and Alvin Hartman; Monica and Kristen LeBrasseur; Bobby, Sharlene, Shannon and Dainah Hartman; Kenny, Rhonda, Holly, Courtney and Nolan Hartman; Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; Christy, Bert, Joe, and Rebekah Hesse; Anne, Neil and Matthew Hesse, all of Muenster; Jenny and Jack White of Houston and Rose Felderhoff of Dallas; Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid of Muenster; Amy Walterscheid of Denton; Julie, Greg, Eric and Alexandria Walterscheid of Lubbock.

Unable to attend, but sending greetings were Charles and Mary Felderhoff of Waco and Joe Dangelmayr.



Just as quite a number of folks added to their income by peddling a bit of booze during the years of the Great Depression, many of the youngsters of the time, including myself, made a few bucks trapping and selling furs. Most were skunks and possums, with an occasional mink, and sometimes a cat, usually an old roving tom that refused to settle down. I have never in my life worked so hard for a dime that I was paid for the pelt of an old tom cat. I have never skinned one since.

One had to run the traps each morning, lest a possum chew off his foot or escape, or some one, not too honest, might take anything he came upon first. Many of us so-called trappers were still attending school and sometimes the tell-tale odor of skunk would follow us into the classroom. You could bet the only ones that didn't notice were boys, who were also guilty.

Skunk scent is one of the hardest to remove and, sometimes, even

after a change of clothes and repeated hand washing, it could still be detected. But then skunk hides would fetch anywhere from one to five dollars, depending on quality and condition, and few people were paid more than two dollars for a hard days work then, so I guess we thought it was worth it.

One of the people who most resented our success with our traps was the postmaster who had to handle our catches when we mailed a bundle to a buyer. He, at first, would want to refuse, but knowing he had to accommodate us, he would weigh them and, as quickly as possible, throw the bundle far into a back room.

These days, more skunks die on our highways than were ever killed by trappers and, personally, I will avoid running one down if at all possible. The only skunks I will intentionally kill are those that are seen running about in daylight, as these are usually sick or even rabid.

Penny family featured

It's not often that the birth of a child is cause for front page news in a daily newspaper, but the Jerry Penny family was an exception. The Lorain County Edition of *The Morning Journal*, Saturday, Nov. 27, carried the touching story of the birth of baby Justin Penny on Thanksgiving Day.

Jerry and Doris Schmitt Penny feel that the birth of their son on Thanksgiving morning was truly a miracle. The couple had tried for 10 years without success to have a baby. "It was a Thanksgiving gift that we had never imagined we would give thanks for," revealed Doris Penny in the article written by Kathleen Wickham.

The Pennys have been married for 15 years and been through infertility clinics and surgeries in their attempts to have a child.

While residents of North Carolina the couple decided to adopt a child. On Nov. 7, 1991 three day old John Cody was welcomed into the family. He brought sunshine and love into their lives.

In 1992 the family moved to Lorain, Ohio where Doris' gynecologist encouraged the couple to make one more attempt to have a baby. They made an appointment at the Cleveland Clinic to try the fertility program.

Two days before the appointment Doris told her husband that she thought she might be pregnant. A home pregnancy test was positive, but Jerry couldn't believe that it was really true until lab tests came back with the same results.

The baby was due about Dec. 10 but he decided to arrive in time for Thanksgiving. Doris said that she felt that they were truly blessed and that God meant for them to have the two sons.

Doris is a Muenster native, the daughter of the late Al and Evelyn Schmitt. She graduated from Sacred Heart in 1972 and is now a registered nurse with two master's degrees. Her husband is a national

account manager with a Westlake company.

Doris' brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and Della Schmitt, are proudly showing off the newspaper sent to them by the Pennys.

Toll-free line delivers updated college info Jan. 8 & 9

The Texas Association of College Admission Counselors (TACAC), a non-profit association of professional educators, and the Greater East Texas Higher Education Authority will co-sponsor a toll-free telephone College Information Hotline, available to all Texas residents, on Saturday, January 8, 1994, and Sunday, January 9, 1994, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anyone in the state of Texas may telephone, toll-free, 1-800-253-8989 and receive free information about college selection, admission, testing, and financial aid.

Lindsay Secular Franciscans hold November meeting

Jewell Sweeney of Lindsay hosted the Secular Franciscans for the regular November meeting. Ritual opening included the song, "St. Francis, Image of the Lord." Theresa Hermes led members in the Holy Spirit Prayer, followed by the Franciscan Ritual Prayers. Marie Zimmerer read a Scriptural passage from St. John. Mrs. Hermes distributed leaflets to all, "A Personal Prayer for Healing."

Communications included a note of thanks from Father Victor Carrillo of Floresville for rosaries received. A letter from Bishop Peter Chenoporampel told of progress being made by Brother Fernandes, one of the seminarians supported by the fraternity; he will be ordained to the priesthood in about two years. Another seminarian of interest to the local fraternity, Brother Thomas will be ordained at a later time. The seminarian, sponsored by Lindsay parishioners Leonard and Ann Bengfort, will be ordained in March 1994.

In the future, rosaries and religious literature will be mailed to Father Leroy Mans, new chaplain at the Correctional Institution for prisoners.

Elizabeth Hoberer donated a quilt top for the next raffle. It will be quilted by members. Members made plans for Christmas gifts to the pastor of St. Peter's and the nuns of the parish.

Closing prayers and petitions were read by Theresa Hermes. After adjournment, the hostess served pumpkin pie with whipped topping and coffee.

Tyler Acuna celebrates 1st birthday

Tyler James Acuna, son of Tony and Kerri Acuna, celebrated his first birthday on Nov. 28, 1993. A small party was held in the home of his grandparents, Buddy and Dorothy Yosten. Guests enjoyed supper, cake and ice cream, and the opening of birthday presents.



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12-10-15

Cub Scout News

On Dec. 6, the Cub Scouts of Pack 664 held their monthly Pack meeting with Den 2 conducting the opening ceremony. A Christmas sing-a-long, led by Den 1, followed.

Shirley Knabe, Cubmaster, awarded Tony Koesler the Bobcat award. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Koesler, Tony's parents, were present for the award ceremony.

Tiger Cub awards were received by Gage Gilliland, Jon Pels, Jeff Walterscheid, Eric Endres, Derek Felderhoff and Sean Fuhrmann.

The Scorpions performed a song, "Tommy the Cub Scout," to the tune of "Frosty the Snowman."

Shirley Knabe recognized the Scouts who participated in the annual Christmas Parade, and were successful in winning the "Best Marching Unit" trophy. The participants included Tony Koesler, Daniel Rohmer, Daniel Bartush, Jeff Hartman, Chris Grewing, Keith Felderhoff, Cindy Hartman, Kim Felderhoff and Luke Endres.

Turkey Shoot patches were awarded to all who participated in the Annual Turkey Shoot in November. The Scouts each received a Christmas present: a pinewood derby car kit to be built and raced in January for competition.

The closing Flag Ceremony concluded the meeting. Everyone present enjoyed homemade cookies and hot chocolate as Christmas party refreshments.

The Scouts of Pack 664 wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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12-3-4-E

Sports

Red River Classic is packed with action

Muenster and Sacred Heart High Schools hosted their 2nd Annual Red River Classic Basketball Tournament last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Muenster's Lady Hornets outplayed Era Saturday night to keep the championship title. In boys' action, Collinsville finished in 1st place after defeating the Chico Dragons.

Game results are as follows:

ROUND ONE GIRLS

Era 58, Collinsville 33
Redmon put in 20 points to give Era the edge over the Pirates. Selby added 11 with every Lady Hornet member scoring.

E 17 11 15 15 58
C 2 7 13 11 33

Callisburg 47, Valley View 43
Tonja Lang and Keri Wallace led Callisburg in their opening game. Cowling scored 13 for the Lady Eagles.

C 12 6 16 13 47
VV 12 9 11 11 43

Lake Country 56, Tigerettes 52
Sacred Heart lost a close, hard-fought game Thursday night. "It was our best game this season, but we came up a little short," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Stephanie Grewing led her team with 16 points, with Tiffany Fisher adding 14 and Erica Schilling 13. Others scoring were Dobe Fleitman and Jennie Endres 4 each, Kelly Dangelmayr 1.

All but 12 of Lake Country's points were scored by Nelson and Maler.

SH 11 18 8 15 52
LC 10 20 11 15 56

Lady Hornets 65, Chico 22
Every team member played and nine Muenster girls scored in their easy opening win.

"Chico's not strong and we were the dominant team," said Coach Brian Strother. "Danell had 14 assists, beating her old school record, proving she's a team player."

Theresa Kubis was high scorer with 17 with Amy Otto adding 16. Others: Candise Abney 10, Kay Grewing 6, Carrie Hess 4, Audrey Knabe and Danell Reiter 3 each, Sabrina Truebenbach and Brandi Lutkenhaus 2 each.

M 23 16 19 7 65
C 1 5 7 9 22

ROUND ONE BOYS

Collinsville 71, Era 54
Four Pirates hit double digits to give Collinsville the lead. Era was led by Kirk Short with 16 and Jody Wilson 10. All Hornets scored.

C 16 17 16 22 71
E 16 9 8 21 54

Valley View 44, Callisburg 62
Callisburg outscored the Eagles Thursday evening. Brian Baskett led all scorers with 15 points. Lance Morris led Valley View with 13.

C 12 18 16 16 62
VV 10 17 4 13 44

Tigerettes 63, Lake Country 57
The hot shooting of Aaron Berres and Jason Hess led Sacred Heart in their opening tournament win.

Scorers for the Tigerettes were Berres 21, Hess 17, Jason Hofbauer 7, Kelly Bayer and John Klement 6 each, Mike Gehrig 3, Neil Berres 2.

SH 14 13 21 15 65
LC 15 17 13 12 57

Hornets 56, Chico 70
A.J. Knabe led all scorers with 22 points, but Muenster could not pull out a win.

"The boys played hard, but let the game slip away, going cold in the 4th quarter," commented Coach Brian Strother.

Jay Hennigan added 14, Darrell Charles 7, Cory Knabe, Eric Miller, Jason Huchton 4 each, and Cory Sicking 1. Chico had 4 scorers in double numbers.

M 15 14 15 12 56
C 14 16 12 28 70

ROUND TWO GIRLS

Tigerettes 38, Collinsville 36
Sacred Heart pulled out a close overtime win. "The girls stayed in the game mentally and pulled it out in the end," Coach Jon said.

Deann Hess led the Tigerettes with 10 points. Other scorers: Stephanie Grewing 9, Jennie Endres, Erica Schilling, Dobe Fleitman 5 each, Kelly Dangelmayr 4.

SH 4 8 11 10 5 38
C 6 12 7 8 3 36

Valley View 73, Chico 32
Nine of 10 Eaglettes put scores on the board, led by Stacy Hieb with 24 points.

VV 25 17 21 10 73
C 10 8 5 9 32

Era 45, Lake Country 26
The Lady Hornets took a win to advance to the championship round. Clement and Rodriguez led all scorers.

E 16 7 10 12 45
LC 4 12 6 6 28

Lady Hornets 43, Callisburg 33
Only 5 Lady Hornets scored, but it was enough to continue the winning.

"We didn't come out ready to play. The defense kept us in the game and allowed us to squeak past them," said Strother.

Theresa Kubis hit 11 points with Carrie Hess and Amy Otto each

adding 10. Candise Abney put in 8 and Danell Reiter 4.

M 7 20 8 8 43
C 6 10 10 7 33

ROUND TWO BOYS

Era 86, Lake Country 41
The Hornets stung their opponents with 8 team members contributing to the win, 4 getting double digits.

Jeff Wilson and Worthey led with 17 points each with Beaver adding 15 and Rodriguez 10.

E 15 14 27 30 86
LC 19 4 15 13 41

Hornets 61, Valley View 68
Valley View put in 11 points in the second overtime to take a win away from Muenster. "It was a tight game, we came from behind to get in the game after missing too many free throws and lay-ups," said Strother.

A.J. Knabe tied the game with 6 seconds in the fourth quarter when he hit a 3-pointer, was fouled and made the free throw.

Darrell Charles sank in 18 points, with A.J. Knabe hitting 14, Jay Hennigan 12 and Jason Huchton 11. Others: Eric Miller 4, Rodney Vogel 2.

For the Eagles, Lance Morris led with 19, Jeremy Krahl added 14 and Eric Lesch 11.

M 16 8 8 13 2 4 61
VV 17 15 12 11 2 11 68

Tigeres 46, Collinsville 91
Collinsville proved too much for Sacred Heart with Magnone leading to their win with 28 points.

Jason Hess was high scorer for the Tigeres with 12, Kelly Bayer added 10. Others: Neil Berres 8, Jason Hofbauer and Mike Gehrig 7 each, Jake McCoy 2.

SH 15 10 12 9 46
C 26 26 23 16 91

Callisburg 53, Chico 66
After a halftime tied game, the Dragons burned Callisburg the second half for the win.

CA 9 13 11 20 53
CH 13 9 20 24 66

FINAL ROUND GIRLS

Tigerettes 30, Valley View 51
The Eaglettes outscored Sacred Heart in their final tournament game. The Tigerettes hit 56-3 from the charity strip to improve in that area.

"We used this game as a learning tool," said Coach Jon. "I hope to improve on the effort and prepare ourselves for district."

Stephanie Grewing led the Tigerettes with 11 points, Kelly Dangelmayr 7, Erica Schilling and Jennie Endres 2 each.

For Valley View, Cowling and Kubicek each scored 12.

SH 4 10 11 5 30
VV 10 17 9 15 51

Collinsville 33, Chico 58
Chico finished the tournament with a win, sending the Lady Pirates home without any treasure.

CH 4 15 9 17 35
CO 9 11 2 11 33

Callisburg 75, Lake Country 36
Tara Hogan and Tonja Lang led the Lady Wildcats in a wild win.

C 23 24 16 12 75
LC 8 14 10 4 36

Lady Hornets 54, Era 32
The Muenster Lady Hornets outplayed the Era Lady Hornets in the championship round of the Red River Classic.

Coach Strother said the key to the game was the bench. "They played 6 minutes, got the lead and shut them down." The bench players were Kay Grewing, Andrea Klement, Audrey Knabe, Hollie Fuhrmann, Sabrina Truebenbach and Brandi Lutkenhaus.

"It was good to win our own tournament, but now we have to get going and ready ourselves for district."

Danell Reiter led all shooters with 15 points. Theresa Kubis added 12 and Amy Otto 11. Others: Klement 6, Candise Abney 4, Carrie Hess, Grewing and Knabe 2 each.

Era was led by Fever and Redmon with 11 points each. Rodriguez and Barthold 4 each and Selby 2.

M 14 13 9 18 54
E 14 6 9 3 32

FINAL ROUND BOYS

Hornets 59, Lake Country 47
Muenster finished the tournament with a win. "The key to the game was the bench," Strother said.

"Jason Huchton and Cory Knabe came out the 2nd half and played well."

High scorer was Jason Huchton with 18 points. Cory Knabe added 11, Darrell Charles 9, Eric Miller and James Klement 7 each, Jay Hennigan 3 and Rodney Vogel 2.

M 19 15 15 10 59
LC 16 9 12 10 47

Era 56, Valley View 54
The Era Hornets held on to their lead until the last seconds.

Ryan Worthey and Kirk Short were Era's high scorers with 12 points each. The Eagles were led by Barry Barthold and Jeremy Krahl.

E 18 7 19 12 56
VV 12 12 12 18 54

Tigeres 46, Callisburg 77
Callisburg's shooting proved to be too much for Sacred Heart.



KELLY DANGELMAYR takes the action down court after grabbing a Lake Country rebound.



DANELL REITER and Amy Otto put pressure on a Lady Dragon ball handler.

Kelly Bayer was high scorer with 12. Others: John Klement and Neil Berres 8 each, Aaron Berres 7, Mike Gehrig 4, Brandon Bayer 3, Jason Hofbauer and Jake McCoy 2 each.

SH 7 15 7 17 46
C 20 24 10 23 77

Collinsville 67, Chico 58
Collinsville took the lead in the 2nd quarter and kept it to take the tournament championship.

Barry Vannoy and Sebastian Magnone each scored 16 points. Chico's high scorer was Steve Strawford.

CO 13 22 12 20 67
CH 13 14 17 14 58

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Girls: Candise Abney, Theresa Kubis, Danell Reiter, Muenster; Stephanie Grewing, Sacred Heart; Stacy Hieb, Valley View; Tara Hogan, Sherrie Parker, Callisburg; Veronica Fever, Kelly Redmon, Era.

Boys: Barry Vannoy, Trent Cox, Sebastian Magnone, Collinsville; Les Westbrook, Brian Baskett, Callisburg; Aaron Berres, Sacred Heart; Lance Morris, Valley View; Ryan Worthey, Era.

Fur-bearing animal season opened Dec. 1

Trappers are reminded that the fur-bearing animal season is Dec. 1 through Jan. 31, except for muskrat and nutria.

Fur-bearing animals may be taken for the purpose of sale only during these seasons. Texas statutes define fur-bearing animals as badgers, beavers, foxes, minks, muskrats, nutria, opossums, otters, raccoons, ring-tailed cats, skunks and civet cats.

A \$15 trapper's license (\$250 for non-residents) is required to take fur-bearing animals or the pelts of fur-bearing animals, except landowners may take fur-bearers without a license when found preying on that land (fur-bearing animals taken under such conditions may not be possessed or sold).

Fur-bearers may not be taken on public roads or rights-of-way, from a boat to any public water or from private property without consent of the landowner or his agent.

Coyotes and bobcats, considered nongame animals in Texas, can be taken at any time during the year by a licensed hunter.

Other restrictions may apply for hunting and trapping fur-bearing animals and are explained in the Fur-bearing Animal Regulations Digest. For further information on fur-bearers or bobcats, contact any TPWD law enforcement field office or TPWD headquarters at 1-800-792-1112.

Football Contest winners announced

Twenty-three contestants stuck with the Football Contest for the 13 extended weeks. Three hundred and ninety games were entered for participants to choose the winners. After omitting one week, or each entrant's low score, Bonnie Stoffels finished the season the big \$100 winner. Bonnie had 295 correct games for a .819 percentage. Her low score was on week 12 with 22 correctly guessed winners.

Finishing in second place was Wayne Klement, only 5 games behind Bonnie. Wayne's lowest score was 17 in the 6th week of the contest. His percentage of .805 awarded him \$50.00.

Mike Felderhoff settled for 3rd place with 284 games. In 4th place was Benny Haverkamp with 282

followed by Mike Stoffels with 281 and Mickey Haverkamp with 278. Seventh place went to Neil Huchton, Nick Stoffels, Edgar Dyer and Terry Walterscheid, all with 277 correct games, or a .769 percentage.

Remaining contestants and their scores were: Peachie Huchton 276, Mike Hacker 272, Edna Hermes 271, Mark Grewing 269, Sara Long 267, Mark Fuhrmann 261, Barbie Barnhill 260, Bob Hess 259, Cory Knabe 257, Carol Grewing 255, Tim Bindel 245, Weldon Hermes 240 and Wilfred Bindel 239.

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JASON HESS and Jason Hofbauer reach for a rebound in action against Lake Country.

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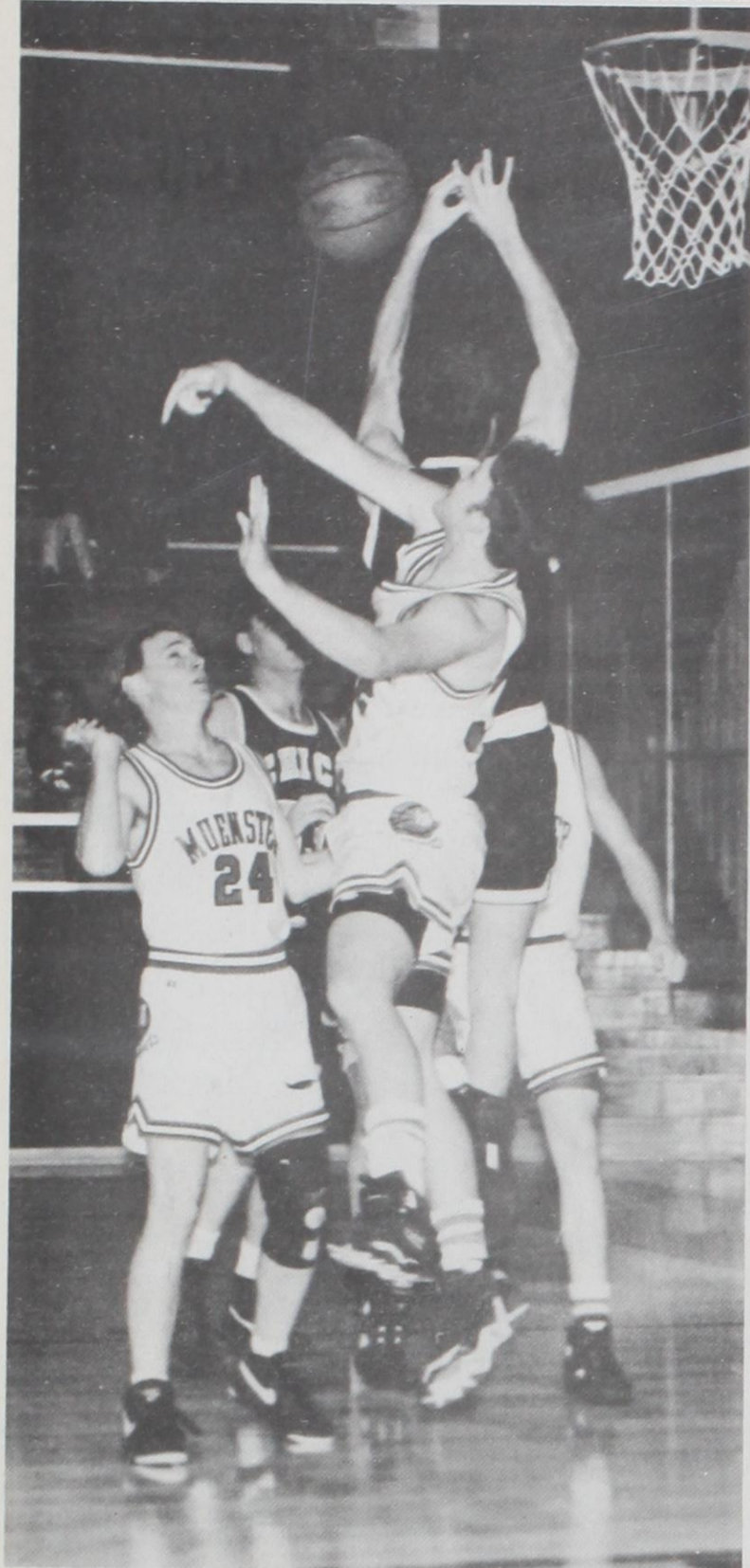
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CORY CAIN blocks an attempted Chico basket in the opening round of the Red River Class Tournament last Thursday night. Also pictured is Jay Hennigan. Janie Hartman Photo

Varsity Basketball Action

Lady Hornets 36, Alvord 43

Muenster's Lady Hornets were handed their first season loss Tuesday night in Alvord. "We had a bad shooting night. We haven't been shooting well all season and finally a better team beat us," Coach Brian Strother commented. "We had our opportunities, but we missed shots we usually hit."

Amy Otto and Danell Reiter were high scorers with 11 and 10 points. Theresa Kubis added 8, Candise Abney 4, Andrea Klement 2 and Audrey Knabe 1.

"With this defeat, the pressure will be off, so maybe we can play better," concluded Strother.

M	10	5	7	14	36
A	9	11	13	10	43

Hornets 66, Alvord 58

Darrell Charles pumped in 18 buckets to give Muenster the edge in their big win Tuesday night.

The key to the game was the free throws in the 4th quarter. Muenster hit 10 of 18, with Eric Miller getting 7 of 9.

Other scorers: Cory Cain and Jason Huchton 11 each, Eric Miller 9, Jay Hennigan 8, A.J. Knabe 7 and Cory Knabe 2.

M	11	21	14	20	66
A	17	21	17	13	58

Tigerettes 42, Prairie Valley 39

The Tigerettes brought home a win Tuesday to improve their season record to 3-4.

"The girls did a great job

rebounding offensively," commented Coach Jon. "We're improving our offensive game weekly."

Erica Schilling was high point maker with 11. Others were Stephanie Grewing 9, Kelly Dangelmayr 8, Tiffany Fisher 7, Deanna Hess 3, Dobe Fleitman and Jennie Endres 2 each.

Tigers 67, Prairie Valley 65

The Tigers pulled out an exciting win in the final quarter at Prairie Valley. Jason Hess and Jason Hofbauer led with 13 and 11 points. Also adding buckets were Aaron Berres 9, Michael Gehrig and John Klement 8 each, Kelly Bayer 6, Neil

Berres 5 and Jake McCoy 2.

"The defensive effort of the Tigers in the 4th period allowed us to pull out this victory," commented Coach Nasche.

SH	12	17	12	26	67
PV	21	17	9	18	65

Sacred Heart will compete in the Forestburg Tournament this weekend. Thursday they play Gold-Burg. Tigerettes' action begins at 4 p.m., followed by the boys' game. Friday's first game is at 7 p.m. against Forestburg and Saturday Sacred Heart takes on Callisburg for a 12:00 game.

District begins Tuesday, Dec. 14, when Sacred Heart hosts Southwest Christian. Junior varsity boys begin at 4:30 p.m.

Junior High/Junior Varsity Basketball

Sacred Heart 45, Prairie Valley 15

"Our pressure defense was like glue," said Coach LeBrasseur. "The girls keep improving each week."

Scorers for the Lady Cubs include: Crystal Klement 13, Tammy Hennigan 10, Angel Sicking 8, Valerie Bartush 6, Laura Klement 4, Yvonne Martin and Becky Endres 2 each.

SH	18	6	11	10	45
PV	2	4	2	7	15

Sacred Heart 45, Prairie Valley 21

Waylon Hess led the Cubs with 11 points Monday night. Sacred Heart jumped into a 12-point lead the first half and kept improving until the game's end. Other scorers were Jonathan Grewing 8, David Hesse 6, Jeff Yosten and Aaron Hess 5 each, Lucien Gehrig 4, Lucas Bayer and Adam Barnhill hit 2 each with Duncan Campbell getting 1 point.

SH	18	12	8	6	44
PV	4	6	7	4	21

Sacred Heart 29, Prairie Valley 17

The freshmen Tigerettes took a big win Tuesday night.

Leslie Grewing was high scorer with 8. Brandi Gilpin added 6. Others earning points were Tonya Knauf 4, Corey Hess 3 and 2 each for Anna Fette, Jill Hess, Kelly Riegler and Tara Yosten.

SH	11	4	6	8	29
PV	2	5	6	4	17

Sacred Heart 54, Prairie Valley 24

The Tigers' junior varsity team was led by Paul Swirczynski's 21 points. Other scorers were Douglas Novack and Jake McCoy 9 each, Michael Becker 8, Scott Poole 3, Joey Martin and Toby Hess 2 each.

SH	11	21	16	6	54
PV	6	5	7	6	24

Muenster 7th 4, Lindsay 10

The 7th grade girls played strong defense, but lost a close game to Lindsay.

Maggie Fisher and Mickey Thweatt scored 2 points each for Muenster. Lindsay scorers were Erica Fuhrmann and Stacy Gieb with 5 each.

M	0	0	2	2	4
L	0	5	1	4	10

Muenster 7th 10, Lindsay 11

The boys lost a nail biter battle to the Squires Monday night.

Jesse Luke put in 8 points, while John Roller and Brent Sicking each hit a free throw.

Lindsay was led by Scott Arendt with 3 points. Two points were added by Chris Garner, Levi Seed, Mike Mosman and Jeff Bezner.

M	2	4	1	3	10
L	2	2	4	3	11

Muenster 8th 19, Lindsay 16

The junior high Lady Hornets won their first game. Only 2 girls scored for Muenster, Kim Sturm 11 and Keisha Dill 8.

Lindsay scorers were Amanda Hellingner 7, Megan Sandmann, Ashley Zimmerer, Stephanie Stoffels and Andrea Fuhrmann 2 each and Kari Hundt 1.

M	2	5	8	4	19
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L	3	2	0	11	16
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Muenster 8th 18, Lindsay 33

A good team effort by the Hornets couldn't outscore the Squires.

Muenster scorers were Scott Hermes with 7, Corey Anderle 6, Bryan Hudspeth and Chad Roller 2 each and Michael Boydston 1.

Putting in points for Lindsay were Steven Tepera 15, Keith Fuhrmann 7, Zack Fuhrmann, Brian Covington and Alex Krahl 2 each.

M	13	0	2	3	18
L	13	4	9	7	33

Lady Hornets 25, Alvord 31

The junior varsity girls fell at Alvord Tuesday night. Brandi Lutkenhaus was the team's high scorer with 14 points. Others:

DaLana Endres 4, Jodi Thweatt 3, Julia Fleitman 2, Misti Klement and Mary Knabe 1 each.

M	2	5	6	12	25
A	9	4	6	12	31

Hornets 40, Alvord 27

Jake Luke put in 14 points to lead the junior varsity boys to victory.

Tony Hartman added 10. Others making buckets were Jeff Walterscheid 6, Jamie Hellman 5, Steven Reiter 3 and Jonathan Otto and Greg Flusche 1 each.

M	3	13	14	10	40
A	6	5	13	3	27

Proper conditioning prevents knee injuries

Many common knee injuries can be avoided if athletes would properly condition the joint.

"The knee is like a mechanical device," said Dr. David Linter, an orthopedic surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It can stand only so much wear and tear without proper maintenance."

Conditioning should include strengthening and flexibility exercises for the muscles that provide support around the knee.

Well-conditioned muscles can withstand more of the pounding that knees absorb during running or jogging. Conditioned knees also stand up to more of the slashing and jumping movements typical in many sports such as basketball, racquetball and tennis.

A good way to begin increasing strength in the legs and hips is by doing squats. This is an easy exercise that benefits overall leg strength.

Place the feet 18-24 inches from the wall and lean so the back is flat against the wall. Slide down until the thighs are at a right angle to the wall. Hold, and slide back up.

Linter says leg presses using weights also strengthen the legs while providing variety in an exercise routine. Using a weight machine, the weights are pushed away from the body with the feet while in a sitting position on the bench press.

Another good weight exercise is leg curls. A weight is strapped to the ankle and the leg is bent at the knee until the heel touches the buttock. This can also be done while laying flat on the stomach.

Some people make the mistake of relying heavily on knee extensions, another weight-bearing exercise. The leg dangles off a bench and lifts weights upward at the knee.

"This exercise can be beneficial, but can also do more harm than good because the kneecap can become irritated," Linter said. "Talk with a weight-training expert about the need for extensions and the proper way to do them."

Linter says toe lifts and heel lifts can also be included in a strengthening routine.

Standing straight, raise up in the toes and go down again several times. Repeat this on the heels as well to increase strength in the calf muscles and improve overall leg tone.

"Strengthening is a vital part of any exercise program," Linter said. "Runners especially should always remember to take 10 or 15 minutes just stretching the hamstrings and quadriceps muscles to prevent injury."

A regular routine of these exercises several times a week, along with whatever activity a person enjoys, will decrease the risk of a knee injury," Linter said.

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 Thur. - Hamburgers w/Trimmings, fries, ice cream, milk.
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Correction!

There was an error on page 1 of *The Muenster Enterprise* last week. The photo showing the winning "Best Business Float" in the 1993 Christkindlmarkt Parade pictured, l to r, Shari Flusche, owner of Mane Attractions, Althea Brawner and Cindy Voth and infant Joshua, who was dressed as "Little Santa," all who were riding on the float. Cindy and Josh were incorrectly identified. *The Enterprise* regrets the error. Sorry, Cindy and Josh. We'll know you the next time.



L to R, Barbara Holeman, Jo Castle and Ray Powell.



L to R, Fritzie Haynie, Evelyn Yeatts and Ray Powell.

Cooke County Cooperative awards Traveling Trophy

Cooke County Electric Cooperative awarded its Traveling Trophy for 1993 to the community clubs of Illinois Bend in Montague County and Mountain Springs in Cooke County.

The awards were presented Tuesday night, Nov. 30, at the Annual Community Improvement Club Banquet, sponsored by the Cooperative and the Cooke and Montague County Extension offices.

Fritzie Haynie, president of the Mountain Springs Club, accepted the award on behalf of her organization. Mountain Springs was cited for hosting several entertaining events, including a melodrama, hootenanny, blue grass festival, craft shows and the highly-acclaimed Mountain Springs Musical.

The club has raised money to maintain and improve its community center and to support volunteer fire departments.

Receiving the award for Illinois Bend, Club President Jo Castle said, "We worked! With 40 members and an average age of 60 years, this year we built two rest rooms and drilled a deeper water well." Other projects Illinois Bend completed in 1993 were guest speaker presentations and a musical jamboree to celebrate the centennial year of the community club building, formerly a country school and Masonic Lodge.

Rural clubs represented at the annual banquet were presented certificates of appreciation. Barbara Holeman, Montague County Extension Agent, presented the annual award to Illinois Bend and certificates to Forestburg and Spanish Fort.

Evelyn Yeatts, Cooke County Extension Agent, presented the award to Mountain Springs and certificates to Callisburg, Downard Fairplains, Rosston, Woodbine and Hood Community Improvement Clubs.

The evening's featured speaker was Whitten Williams, Dean of Administrative Services at Cooke County College. Mr. Williams, who has served 25 years as an instructor and administrator, characterized community club members as "salt of the earth" people. He told many interesting stories about growing up in West Virginia - experiences reminiscent of rural Texas 40 years ago.

Ray Powell, President of the Cooperative's Board of Directors, expressed appreciation for service the clubs provide to their areas. All of the clubs improve quality of life in their area and provide a focal point for community pride and spirit.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Eric Williams, member relations specialist for the Cooperative. The food was prepared by Mrs. Yeatts and Mrs. Holeman.

TAPS announces executive director

The Board of Directors, Texoma Area Paratransit System, Inc. (TAPS) has selected Sherman native Veneble L. Hammonds Jr. to serve as TAPS' Executive Director. Mr. Hammonds recently returned to Sherman after completing a 30-year Air Force career. He graduated from Sherman High School in 1963, where he participated in athletics, was president of his junior class and the student body. Thanks to an appointment from Congressman Ray Roberts, he graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1967 and earned his pilot wings the following year. Highly decorated, he flew nearly 180 combat missions over Vietnam and Laos.

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Meinrad J. Endres succumbs to long illness - was former mayor and prominent local merchant. Formal dedication of Muenster Baptist Church held here. Precipitation of two inches breaks long drought here - grain crop had barely been hanging on.

30 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 6, 1963

Dedication of Muenster Memorial Hospital delayed, awaiting arrival and installation of needed equipment, therefore dedication and formal opening will be held later, at the same time just before the hospital is ready to admit patients. Six-block area north of town annexed by city council. Bids invited on two more flood prevention reservoirs on Clear Creek, by Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District and the Clear Creek Watershed Authority. New arrival: Douglas Wayne Walterscheid to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walterscheid. Weddings: Nancy Haverkamp and Dan Wilson marry in Sacred Heart Church; Carolyn Schmitz and Irby Macready marry in St. Peter's Church in Lindsay. Eight-man football: Lindsay 14, New Waverly 24.

10 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 9, 1983

Mesquite Street receives top priority as next street paving project, after City Administrator evaluates condition of city streets. Darlene Hess, daughter of Mrs. Lucille Hess, qualifies for Boston Marathon. Five Muenster floats join in Gainesville's Christmas parade. Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Klement (Johnny and Ollie) observe golden wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Donnell of Saint Jo celebrate 50th wedding anniversary. New arrival: Jarad William to Chris and Janet Bayer of Valley View. Cooke County's 4-

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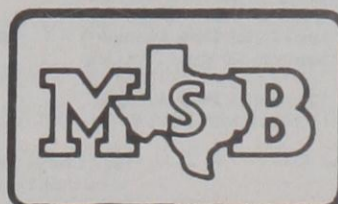
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CAUSE NO.: 13829
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Charlie E. Shafer including its creditors:

Take notice that on November 24, 1993, Barbara Shafer Myers, 2015 Redbud, Gainesville, Texas, was appointed Executrix in Cause No. 13829, styled, Estate of Charlie E. Shafer, now pending on the docket of the County Court of Cooke County, Texas.

All persons having claims against the above estate shall present the same within the time prescribed by law.

/s/ Barbara Shafer Myers, Executrix 12.10-1-E

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

On December 2, 1993, the Texoma Council of Governments will begin accepting applications for The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program in the Cooke County area which is the new concept replacing the Utility Assistance Program. CAP IS NOT AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM. The Texoma Council of Governments energy office is located in the basement of the Cooke County Courthouse in Gainesville and will be open on Thursday only between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Texoma Council of Governments staff may be reached at (812) 665-3302 at the above mentioned day and time.

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NO. 13825
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF OPAL BERRY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Opal Berry were issued on December 1, 1993, in Cause No. 13825, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas - Probate Division, to the following named executrix whose mailing address is: Billie Ruth Webb, 6565 Kinsbury, Dallas, Texas 75231.

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Russell Duncan, P.C.
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MORENE CHANDLER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Morene Chandler were issued on November 29, 1993, in Cause No. 13823 pending in the Probate Court of Cooke County, Texas, to Bessie Katherine Boyd, who resides in Cooke County, Texas, and whose mailing address is: Bessie Katherine Boyd, #9 Jim Hacker Lane, Enola, Arkansas 72047.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Respectfully submitted
/s/ Bessie Katherine Boyd 12.10-1-EL

Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

The regular dinner at the Rosston Baptist Church, that is held on the third Sunday of each month, will be held on the second Sunday for this month only, Dec. 12, after church.

The Christmas tree and program will be Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

Emory Fletcher of Gainesville entered the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning for treatment. He is Mrs. Odessa Berry's brother. She has been visiting him in the hospital.

A nice wedding shower for Allan Mann and his fiancée was given in the Forestburg United Methodist Church Saturday evening.

The couple will be married Dec. 31 in the Forestburg United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maberry were in Gainesville Friday on business.

Mrs. Pauline Sicking and Ruth Smith attended "The Story of the Star" at Cooke County College Wednesday, Dec. 1. They said it was very inspirational and encouraged everyone to try and see it.

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by Craig Rosenbaum

Each fall, we receive calls concerning methods for planting oak trees.

We are fortunate in Texas to have many native species of some deciduous and evergreen oaks which make excellent landscape trees. However, some of these species cannot be purchased in retail garden centers since they are not commercially propagated. So, if you see a native oak you would love to have in your landscape, the only way of getting one may be to dig the native tree, which is often impossible or to grow one from an acorn.

Many benefits can be gained by selecting acorns from the most desirable trees native to our particular area. Characteristics worth noting when choosing a mature tree for a seed source are desirability of leaf color and shape, drought tolerance, absence of galls, trunk form, vigor and umbrella-shaped canopies. However, you should realize that oaks are wind-pollinated. This means you know one parent but not the other. The undetermined pollen source in the formation of the acorn may dilute the desirable characteristics sought.

Collect acorns in the fall from October to December. It is not uncommon for the white oak group acorns to germinate while on the trees. Ripe acorns can be picked off the tree before they fall; often it is wise to do so in order to escape weevils which attack those acorns that fall to the ground.

Physiologically, mature acorns are brown in color while those which are yellowish are not ripe. As a rule of thumb, a mature acorn will snap cleanly from its cup without leaving a tissue residue. To help ensure success with your acorns,

use the "sinkers" test. Place the acorns in water and discard those that float in the water along with those that show pint-sized weevil exit holes.

William C. Welch, Extension Horticulturist, offers the following planting suggestions. Fall seeding of oaks is preferable to spring seeding. The white oaks (such as bur oaks) have little to no dormancy and will germinate as soon as they mature in the fall, while the black oak group (such as live oaks) needs a 1- to 3-month chilling treatment in soil before they will germinate in the spring. Therefore, by planting the acorns in the fall, the acorns will germinate when they need to, and it will take all the guesswork out of which groups your selected group belongs to. Since acorns of most species lose their viability when stored, you will also avoid that potential problem. Acorns losing as little as 15 percent moisture can be reduced in viability by 96 percent. This is why acorns that have been lying on the ground for even short periods may not germinate.

Ideally, acorns should be planted immediately after collection. They can be planted in shrub beds and moved after one year of growth or seeded directly in the area you would like the tree to grow. Prepare the soil by adding organic matter before planting. Plant the acorns 1- to 2-inches deep. An organic matter mulch such as peat moss or compost applied to the seedbed will conserve moisture, protect against soil crusting, weeds, rodents and cold temperatures.

Blue jays, crows and squirrels have an uncanny ability to find planted acorns so it may be helpful to cover the area with hardware cloth until the acorns start to germinate.

Proper uses of drugs and chemicals in food animals

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To ensure the proper distribution and usage of veterinary drugs, and to prevent adulteration of the food supply with illegal drug residues through misuse of drugs in food producing animals, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) enforce regulatory laws under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic (FDC) Act, enacted in 1906 with subsequent amendments. Anyone who causes, by an act of omission or commission, violative residues in livestock and poultry (by irresponsible and illegal distribution and use of unapproved drugs or drugs approved only for use by or on the order of a veterinarian) violates state and federal laws. When FSIS inspectors detect violative drug residues in food products derived from animals, they report the violation to the FDA, the producer and the state authorities. FDA then initiates an on-site investigation of the suspect producer. If the evidence shows a flagrant violation of the law, the producer may face criminal charges. The convicted producer can be fined and possibly imprisoned for this crime. Animals with residues above established tolerances are condemned by FSIS.

To be in compliance with the law, a producer must follow precisely the instructions on the drug or chemical label. This means the producer must use only those veterinary drugs, chemicals or feed additives approved by the FDA and administer them only by the recommended route, at the approved dosage rate, in the approved dosage (s) or treatment of conditions (s) indicated on the label.

Even the use of approved drugs and chemicals within the established withdrawal times prior to marketing is illegal. Drug and chemical residues are human health hazards. There is no question that producers must be more judicious in the use of chemicals and drugs in food animals. Producers are advised to read and follow directions on all drug labels with respect to dosage and withdrawal recommendations as mandated by federal law. This will ensure that consumers receive safe, high quality animal food products.

Extra-label distribution, prescription and use of veterinary drugs in food producing animals are regulated by FDA. The FDA policy requires all extra-label drug usage to be under the control of a licensed

veterinarian. Extra-label usage must be in accordance with a veterinarian/client/patient relationship; a careful medical diagnosis; and a determination by the attending veterinarian that available labeled products have been found clinically ineffective. There must be assurances that treated animals have been adequately identified and that extended withdrawal periods have been established before marketing. There must also be a procedure to ensure that these policies will be met. A legitimate veterinarian/client/patient relationship exists when the veterinarian has assumed the responsibility of making medical judgments, and the client has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian.

Use of an unapproved drug in food animals by a producer without a legitimate veterinarian/client/patient relationship is extra-label drug usage and is illegal. Use of an approved drug via a route of administration not specified on the label, or at a dosage rate not specified on the label, or for treatment of a condition not specified on the label without a legitimate veterinarian/client/patient relationship, is illegal.

An important role of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is to educate and advise food animal producers on correct usage of drugs and chemicals, problems of drug and chemical residues, and the litigation that may result from intentional or unintentional abuse or misuse of these substances in food producing animals. All persons involved in the industry must work together to bring about proper usage of drugs and chemicals in food animals.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

Late Season Soybean Production

For the past three years we have been conducting a Late Season Soybean Demonstration on the Arnold Fuhrmann Farm north of Lindsay. Group 6 and 7 soybeans have done well in the county for producers for quite a few years. In visiting with Arnold, he can only recall one year that he didn't have enough production to at least get his seed and expenses back. This was in 1980 during the severe drought that occurred in North Texas. Arnold offers two rules to go by in planting the Group 7 beans for producers in North Texas. This would be: 1) get them planted and up in June. This means that they need to be in the ground somewhere in the June 15-20 range. 2) Hope for that first-of-September rain in order to make these determinate beans. Ideally, scattered rains throughout the summer just increase the yield potential of the beans.

Moisture is very critical in getting the beans up and growing. The beans will come through even if planted in moderate depths in soil moisture. The demonstration plot this year was planted on June 16 in 30-inch rows. This piece of ground was farmed fairly well in one disking, one chiseling, and two field cultivations. The acreage would be considered double-cropped in that barley haylage was harvested on April 19. Prowl herbicide was applied for the control of grasses and broadleaf weeds. The herbicide did well but there was some escape

of pigweed and rhizome Johnsongrass. However, Fuhrmann felt that the herbicide did excellent control. Following is yield and other data of the Northrup King and Pioneer varieties in this demonstration.

Fuhrmann had some 200 acres of beans in the Group 6 and 7 range planted this year with an overall average of 22 bushels. This included the heavy-farmed acreage in which the demonstration plots were located which had tender loving care and additional acreage which consisted of just a two-time disking and some acreage no-tilled using their Maximerge planter. Fuhrmann was very pleased with the no-till beans but noted that the ground was dry when wheat was harvested and his combines are equipped with straw choppers. No-till acreage was sprayed with Roundup prior to planting. The dry ground was very beneficial in no-tilling. If you are grazing wheat or you have to mud your wheat out, the no-tilling will be a less desirable practice.

In summary, it appears that the late 6 or early 7 group beans have yielded fairly well in past years for Cooke County. Also, the planting date around June 15 to 20, with ample moisture to get the beans up, is critical. We appreciate the work that Arnold, Erwin and Ted have done with these plots and their sharing of their experience in soybean production.

VARIETY	PLANT HEIGHT	POD COLOR	YIELD ADJ. 13% BU/AC
NK S6996	25"	Tan	38.6
P 9711	24"	Yellow	37.7
NK X9267	24"	Tan	37.2
P 9691	25"	Yellow	36.3
NK 6847	23"	Tan	34.0
NK 6727	23"	Yellow	33.9
P 9791	24"	Tan	33.6
P 9641	20"	Tan	32.8
NK S6423	25"	Yellow	32.6

Greenbugs a Threat to Wheat Production

Greenbugs are present in several wheat fields in the county. Some control has taken place around Era, Myra and Gainesville. Only a few of the infestations are heavy enough to need treating but they all need to be watched very closely, especially if you have sudan, milo or Johnsongrass in or around your fields.

Greenbugs can cause economic damage to wheat, oats and barley when a population goes above 50 per foot of drill row in wheat that is 3 to 4 inches tall. If wheat is 6 to 10 inches tall, the infestation can go as high as 100 per foot of drill row before economic damage occurs. And, on young spiked grain, damage is a judgment call.

Greenbug damage can show up as yellowed spots or circular spots of dead plants.

One way of checking infested plants for greenbugs is to mark off a foot of drill row, and slap plants vigorously to dislodge greenbugs onto the ground where they can be counted. Placing a white piece of paper or a piece of plastic under

plants before the aphids are dislodged will also help in counting the number of aphids.

Greenbug numbers increase faster when the temperature is about 50 degrees at night and about 72 degrees in the day. During this range of temperature, insects that normally feed on greenbugs are not active but greenbugs can still give birth to young aphids and will continue to feed on the plants. If the temperature goes below 40 degrees, the aphids stop feeding, cease all activity and fall to the ground for protection from the cold. When warm weather returns, the aphids crawl back upon the plant and start feeding again.

When damaging infestation occurs and treatment is needed, consult product labels. Use chemicals according to directions given on label. With grazing, be sure and read all label restrictions. Some insecticides have no grazing or extended non-grazing periods.

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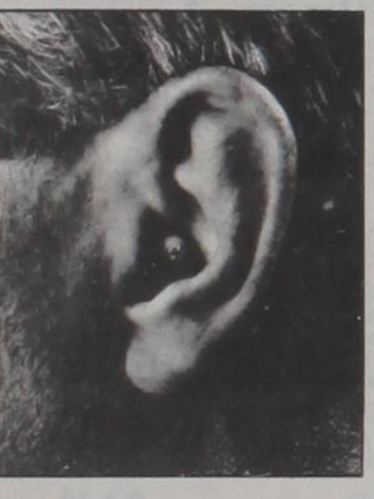


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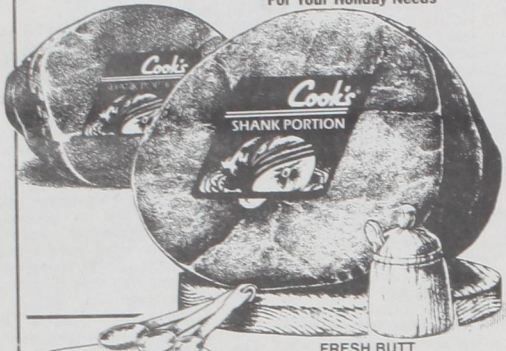
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